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EUROPE.

Bismarck Refuses Favre a Safe-Conduct from Paris.

Collapse of the Great Sortie of the Parisian Garrison.

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Utter Defeat of the French Army of the North.

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THE EASTERN CONFERENCE.

Bismarck Refuses to Give Jules Favre a Safe Conduct—Abstract of the Note Giving His Reasons.

LONDON, Jan. 23—7 A. M.—Count BISMARCK has, in a note in reply to M. JULES FAVRE's request for a safe conduct, declined to enter upon any such negotiation. His reasons therefor are given in the following summary of the note. Count BISMARCK says: Presuming that the authority of the Provisional Government had not been recognized by the French nation, the military Government formerly allowed M. FAVRE to pass without prejudicing the question of recognition. It is now impossible to give M. FAVRE a safe conduct to pass the German lines, because of his declaration that an invitation to take part in the proceedings of the Conference would be a recognition of the Republic. In conclusion, Count BISMARCK pointedly inquires whether it is advisable for M. FAVRE to proceed to London, since the interests at stake at Paris for Germany and France completely overshadow the Eastern question.

LONDON, Jan. 22—9 A. M.—The rumor that the London Conference has been again adjourned is untrue.

Silence of M. Favre—Discussion of the Question of his Visit to London by the Mayors of Paris.

LONDON, Jan. 21.—News from Paris of the 17th reports JULES FAVRE quite ill.

M. FAVRE had held a consultation with the Mayors of Paris, as to the propriety of his proposed trip to London. The Mayors were found to be divided in opinion, and no decision had been made in the matter.

THE SIEGE OF PARIS.

Victims of the Bombardment—Chanzy's Defeat Statedly Received—The Attack Not to Be Renewed by the French.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—The victims of the bombardment in killed and wounded already numbered 39 children, 49 women, and 73 men.

LONDON, Jan. 22—10 P. M.—The Prussians refused the French request for an armistice to bury the dead before Paris, because the application was merely a verbal one. The outposts have, however, mutually facilitated the removal of the wounded.

It is said the garrison of Paris would not renew the attack upon the Germans because Gen. TROCHU had been surprised of Gen. CHANZY's defeat.

LONDON, Jan. 23—Midnight.—Advices from Paris say the news of Gen. CHANZY's defeat was received stoically by the people and army.

Gen. Trochu's Report of the Sortie—The Strategic Manœuvre—The Germans Surprised—Early French Success Reversed at the Close.

LONDON, Jan. 23—3 A. M.—News from Paris to the 20th has been received. The letters say the line of battle on the 19th reached from Montretout to La Celle, and that the French numbered 100,000 men, supported by a powerful force of artillery.

Gen. TROCHU, in his report of the battle, says:

"The day which commenced successfully did not terminate as we could have wished. The enemy were at first surprised, but subsequently concentrated great masses of artillery and infantry, and at 4 o'clock in the afternoon our left receded. We resumed at nightfall the offensive movement but were unable to hold the heights which we had taken. The struggle was sanguinary. We have asked for an armistice."

Trochu Removed and Reinstated—The Council Conclude Not to "Swap Horses in Crossing the River"—Despondency and Dissatisfaction After the Defeat.

LONDON, Jan. 26—7 A. M.—Private letters from Paris state that the last meeting of the Council of Defense was stormy. Urgent demands were made upon Gen. TROCHU for grand sorties. The General proposed to resign, and the Council appointed Gens. VINOY, FREMAULT and CLEMENT-THOMAS a triumvirate to replace TROCHU. Subsequently, however, the Council recoiled from the responsibility of changing the plans for the defense of Paris, and Gen. TROCHU was fully sustained.

LONDON, Jan. 22—9 P. M.—Advices from inside Paris to the 21st have been received.

Great dissatisfaction and despondency prevailed in consequence of Gen. TROCHU's failure in his last effort to break through the lines of the enemy. It was reported that a large and available force of artillery and infantry reserves took no part in the action. TROCHU's policy was loudly denounced as weak and temporizing.

The French Massed Near Mont de Valérien—The German Losses in the Sortie.

VERSAILLES, Jan. 20, via LONDON, Jan. 21.—Under cover of a dense fog, today, the French troops were again massed near Fort Mont Valérien, but nothing further was attempted.

The Prussian position at Montretout was taken by surprise by the French, yesterday, and carried, but was subsequently retaken by the Prussian Ninth Division. The total German loss in both affairs was 20 officers and 200 men. Prisoners taken by the Germans say there are to be other attacks upon the investing lines, but assert positively that the National Guard will not fight.

Only Old Houses Struck by the German Shells—The Bureaus by the Fire Sleigh—St. Denis Next Almost Silenced.

LONDON, Jan. 22—7 A. M.—A correspondent of the London Telegraph reports from Paris that the only effect of the bombardment upon the city has been the destruction of some old houses and wood-yards, and that the German fire latterly has been harmless.

VERSAILLES, Jan. 20.—The bombardment of St. Denis is progressing favorably. The fort is almost silenced.

Several fires in the town of St. Denis, and also within the walls of Paris, were observed today.

Withdrawal of the French into Paris—The Bombardment Resumed.

LONDON, Jan. 22—6 P. M.—The Emperor WILLIAM telegraphs to the Empress, under date of Versailles, 21st, as follows:

Yesterday the enemy entirely withdrew into Paris. Fifteen officers and 200 men were captured at St. Cloud.

The bombardment of Paris has been uninterrupted for the last few days. Fire has also been opened upon St. Denis.

OTHER MILITARY OPERATIONS.

Panic of the French at St. Quentin—15,000 to 18,000 in Flight—One Division of the Army Missing—Terror of the People in the North—Gambetta Still Unnerved.

LONDON, Jan. 21—10 P. M.—The mobilized National Guard behaved badly in the battle of St. Quentin. Fully 15,000 of them became panic-stricken and fled from the field in disorder.

A dispatch from Cambrai, evening of the 20th, says there is a general panic among the people. The Germans are approaching and cannonading is audible. Gen. FAIDHERBE and staff have gone to Douai, and Gen. FAVRE to Lille. The whereabouts of one division of the army are unknown.

M. GAMBETTA has arrived at Lille.

A dispatch from Lille, 21st, reports the utmost consternation, and the women and children flying from the city. The troops are arriving in a pitiable state.

A later dispatch, dated at Lille on Saturday, 21st, afternoon, says M. GAMBETTA has delivered an address before enthusiastic throngs of the people, in which he advocates resistance to the enemy to the bitter end, and denounced the partisan and cowardly cry of "peace at any price." He repudiated any intention to form, or desire on his part for, a dictatorship; urged the people and army to do their duty, and prophesied a final triumph for the French arms. The report that Longwy is in flames is confirmed. The country around Valenciennes has been inundated in consequence of the expected approach of the Germans.

LONDON, Jan. 21—11 P. M.—A dispatch from St. Quentin says the railway station was stormed by the Nineteenth Prussian Regiment, and that the town was afterward occupied. Ten thousand French troops were taken prisoners, of whom 2,000 had been wounded. Six guns were among the trophies of the victorious Germans.

Gambetta's Efforts to Inform Courage into the People—The Germans Move Across the North—The German Rear-guard Report of the Capture at St. Quentin.

LONDON, Jan. 22—9 A. M.—M. GAMBETTA, in another speech at Lille, expressed confidence in Gen. FAIDHERBE, to which he added that the General would continue his resistance to the enemy, and must, in the end, be successful. M. GAMBETTA also announced that fresh levies are to be raised for the armies of France. His remarks were the occasion of great enthusiasm among the people.

LONDON, Jan. 22—01 P. M.—A dispatch from Arlon, 22d, says the bombardment of Longwy continues. The garrison reply energetically to the Prussian fire.

A dispatch from Lille, 22d, says the City of Cambrai has been summoned to surrender by 5 o'clock this afternoon.

M. GAMBETTA, in reply to a popular call, made a splendid speech today, the substance of which was that France prefers an eternal war to the surrender of any territory.

The Army of the North is rapidly resuming its organization.

LONDON, Jan. 22—10 P. M.—The Emperor telegraphs from Versailles to the Empress that the latest estimate of the French loss at St. Quentin is 15,000 men, including 11,000 prisoners.

A dispatch from Havre, 22d, says the Germans are entering the Departments of Calvados and Orne.

Occupation of Cambrai—Political Consequences of the French Retreats.

LONDON, Jan. 23—4 P. M.—The Emperor telegraphs to Berlin in relation to the northern movements as follows:

The enemy has withdrawn to Valenciennes and Douai.

We have again occupied Cambrai.

BRUSSELS, Jan. 21.—The details which have come to hand of the defeat of Gen. FAIDHERBE, show that the French Army of the North has suffered a terrible blow, from which it can hardly recover. The entry of the retreating army into the City of Cambrai was a sad scene of disorder. The troops were shoeless and in rags, and the army fragmentary to a great degree.

Hopeless at the Germans at Longwy—Gen. Faidherbe to Advance Again After an Interval of Rest.

ARLON, Belgium, Jan. 22.—The Prussians suffered a repulse at Longwy on Saturday. Their guns were dismounted, and they were forced to place their batteries at a greater distance from the walls. The batteries at Herselange and Cutry reply feebly to the fire of the besieged. The Prussians are waiting for heavier guns. On Sunday, however, the bombardment became more vigorous.

A French shell had set fire to and destroyed a farm-house within the investing lines of Longwy. Forty Prussians perished in the flames. It is said the fire of the garrison has silenced one of the Prussian batteries.

LILLE, Jan. 23.—Gen. FAIDHERBE issues a hopeful order of the day saying that, after a short interval of rest, the army of the North will again confront the invader.

Plotting Against Dijon—The Garibaldis—The French Hold Their Positions—Bois Captured by the Germans—Bourbaki's Retreat Endangered.

BORDEAUX, Jan. 22.—Dijon was attacked by a large Prussian force yesterday, and there were several engagements in the neighboring villages. The troops, commanded by MINOTTI and RICCIOTTI GARIBALDI, were in action and behaved splendidly. The French maintained all their positions. The advanced posts of both armies were close to each other last night, and it was expected that the battle would be resumed today.

The Prussians occupied Dôle after a bombardment.

LONDON, Jan. 22—1 A. M.—It is said that Gen. FERNEKY, with the Second German Corps, has left Versailles for Dijon, to confront Gen. BOURBAKI.

BRUSSELS, Jan. 22.—The *Independance Belge* says there is no danger that BOURBAKI's line of retreat will be cut.

LONDON, Jan. 22—6 P. M.—An attempt by the French from Langres to surprise the Germans at Chaumont has miscarried.

Gen. TRESKOW, who has advanced from Beaugueneis, is reported to have captured the strongly fortified woods at Taillas Bailly and the village of Perona. Five officers and eighty men were taken. The German loss was considerable.

MISCELLANEOUS WAR NEWS.

Italian Sympathy for France Expressed in the Chamber of Deputies.

FLORENCE, Jan. 22.—In the Italian Chamber of Deputies, yesterday, Signor VRONCONO, in reply to an interpellation addressed to the Ministry, said it was impossible for Italy alone to mediate between France and Prussia. The Government, however, intended to seize an opportunity to co-operate with the other Powers in that direction.

In the course of the discussion which followed, four members of the Chamber, of different politics, warmly expressed sympathy for France.

Bismarck Promoted—French Cruisers Between Gibraltar and the British Channel—Requisitions by the Germans.

LONDON, Jan. 21—10 P. M.—Count VON BISMARCK has been promoted to be a Lieutenant-General.

Large droves of oxen intended for Paris have passed Rheims, and are ready for the advance of Gen. CHANZY, who is receiving reinforcements.

The French have established a line of cruisers between Gibraltar and the English Channel. Nine vessels have been appointed to the service, six of which are iron-clads.

LONDON, Jan. 21—54 P. M.—The establishment of a Belgian camp at "Lamve" is discussed at Brussels.

The Prussians have imposed a requisition of 40,000 francs upon the people of Yvetot, (near Havre,) as a punishment for the sympathy displayed by them for the French cause.

The Mayor of the town of Bolbeck has been taken as a hostage by the Prussians.

IMPERIAL GERMANY.

Celebrating the Proclamation of the Empire—The Federal Treaties Sanctioned by the Bavarian Chamber.

LONDON, Jan. 22—Evening.—The Cities of Hamburg and Bremen celebrated the proclamation of King WILLIAM as Emperor of Germany by the firing of salutes. The citizens joined heartily in the demonstration, and decorated their residences in honor of the event.

MUNICH, Jan. 21.—The Bavarian Chamber of Deputies today sanctioned the Federal treaties by a vote of 102 against 48.

Assumption of the Title of Emperor Announced to the Army—Unification Due to its Bravery and Endurance.

VERSAILLES, Jan. 22.—The Emperor WILLIAM, in an order of the day, announced to the army his acceptance of the Imperial dignity, and acknowledges that its bravery and endurance have hastened the unification of Germany. He solemnly charges the army ever to remain the strong arm of the Fatherland.

LONDON, Jan. 21.—Advices from Versailles say the Bavarian regiments were represented at the ceremony proclaiming King WILLIAM Emperor of Germany.

GENERAL EUROPEAN NEWS.

The United States Minister to Portugal—Queen Victoria to Open Parliament in Person—Small-Pox in England—A Scamper Pate Bank.

LISBON, Jan. 21.—An article from an American journal, reflecting upon the American Minister to Portugal, having been brought to the notice of the officers of the United States war steamers *Guerriere* and *Brooklyn*, they have unanimously signed a memorial contradicting the article, and expressing their esteem for the Minister.

LONDON, Jan. 22—9 A. M.—The *Observer*, of today, announces that the Queen will personally open the session of Parliament.

LONDON, Jan. 23—4 P. M.—The number of deaths from small-pox in England is said to average 150 weekly.

The steam-ship *England*, which sailed from Liverpool Jan. 11, for New-York, has returned to Queenstown, in consequence of a severe gale having caused the escape of gas from some dangerous chemicals among her cargo.

ALBANY.

Brief Session of the Legislature Last Evening—Some Interesting Bills Introduced—A Hearing in the Twombly Case—His Chances of Getting Justice.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

ALBANY, Jan. 23.—Both Houses of the Legislature held a brief session this evening. Mr. MADIGAN, of New-York, introduced in the Assembly a bill to regulate houses of prostitution in New-York after the Parisian plan, by licenses and medical supervision.

MR. TWOMBLY'S CASE.

The Committee on Privileges and Elections had a hearing in the contested seat case of TWOMBLY *vs.* CAREY, this evening. T. E. STEWART and J. W. HOWE appeared as counsel for TWOMBLY, and TOM FIELDS for CAREY. The facts relating to the Eighteenth District of the Sixteenth Ward were admitted as claimed by Mr. TWOMBLY. In the case of the Twentieth District of the Ninth Ward, which was also thrown out by the New-York Canvassers, Mr. TWOMBLY offered the evidence of Mr. HENRIQUES and Mr. DENSON, the two inspectors, one a Democrat and the other a Republican, both of whom agreed as to how the vote stood in that district. They also testified that Mr. TEMPLETON, one of the United States Marshals, helped to make the first count of the votes, which furnished an excuse for the County Canvassers to throw out the vote of the district. The facts proven and admitted by the Committee show that if the two districts had not been thrown out, Mr. TWOMBLY would have had eighteen majority. FIELDS objected to the evidence on the same ground as at the last meeting of the Committee,—that it was going back of the returns of the Canvassers. But the Committee overruled the objection. Another meeting of the Committee is to be held to-morrow afternoon, and a report will probably be made during the week. Mr. CAREY cannot vote on the case, and it will require the vote of only one honest and fair-minded Democrat to give Mr. TWOMBLY his seat. Whether such a one can be found remains to be seen. Mr. RANDALL, of Cortland, and Mr. WEEKS, of Clinton, are looked upon as honorable Democrats, who are counted to be independent; but they will doubtless be whipped into the traces when the vote comes.

THE SNOW-STORM.

Effects of the Severe Weather in this City and Elsewhere.

Trains and Mails Delayed—Impediments to Travel in the City—Casualties—Suffering Among the Poor.

The dense, moist snow-storm of Saturday night had been cleared away but a few brief hours before premonitory symptoms of another appeared. Sunday evening came with an overclouded sky and a cold wind. The latter increased in force and frigidity as the night wore on, and yesterday's darkest dawning found the thermometer only 9° above zero. There was but a very slight moderation of wind or temperature until about 12 o'clock, when the mercury indicated 14° above zero. At that hour snow began to fall in whirling eddies, which afterward merged into a fierce, intensely cold whirlwind. The flakes came down thick and fast, with apparently needle-pointed ends, which assailed the face and every exposed portion of the body with stinging effect. During the afternoon the storm added strength to its previous force. Pedestrians bent forward against the wind, and were scarcely able to make any progress, especially where the heavy granite side-walks presented surfaces far more slippery than glass. Even the four-horse car and stage teams staggered and swayed to and fro with closed eyes and depressed heads as though shrinking from the keen-edged freezing blast and driving snow-ball. There were many downfalls of man and beast, with not a few contusions and bruises in consequence. The drivers suffered terribly, being obliged to face the storm unsheltered in the least from its fury, icicles impurpling their beards and hair, while the snow-drifts were piling over their feet. The policemen fared scarcely better, except that by exercise they could maintain some warmth.

The sufferings of many others were possibly even greater. The poor work-girls and others, scantily clad, with not a penny to spare from their miserable weekly wages of four, five, or six dollars, for car-fare, struggled along their weary homeward way, shivering and almost benumbed.

In the attics and cellars of the Five Points and other haunts of the poorer classes, where the wretched walls and doors were but as sieves to admit the bitter wind, and not a coal of fire, or sufficient clothes or coverlets to temper their misery, the night must have been one of agony.

All the many car and some of the stage lines were obliged to double their teams at an early hour. The trips were very irregularly made, especially after nightfall. The Third, Sixth, Seventh and Eighth avenues and Broadway lines were the most regular. The Second, Fourth and Ninth were much impeded. Some of the cross-town routes were obliged to suspend operations.

The ferries were very much impeded—more so than at any previous time this season. The steamer *Miscola*, while entering her Fulton Ferry slip was swung violently against the dock, and sustained considerable damage. Quantities of floating ice, with the impenetrable cloud of snow-flakes, combined to render the navigation of the harbor and both rivers exceedingly dangerous. Off the coast a tremendous north-east gale raged, and it is feared that many disasters have occurred. All the mails were delayed. The Eastern was six hours, the Southern five, the Pennsylvania, Washington, Erie, and others, from one to two hours, and the Northern and Central six hours behind time. There were a number of serious casualties.

SARAH MCCARTY fell, last evening, at the corner of Broadway and Rector-street, and broke her leg. She was sent to the Park Hospital.

SAMUEL GRIMES fell, yesterday, in Sixth-avenue, and broke his ankle. He was taken to St. Luke's Hospital.

Late at night a Grecian orphan-grandsr, sixty years of age, named EDWARD HORNES, was found under the snow on Broadway, Williamsburg, benumbed and insensible from the cold. Himself and instrument were taken to the Station-house. His arm and hands were frost-bitten.

An unknown man was found lying in First-street, Hoboken, about 3½ o'clock. He was intoxicated, in an unconscious condition and freezing to death. He was cared for.

A young man named WILLIAM CLARKE was found in an insensible condition on the sidewalk in Sussex-street, Jersey City. He was taken to the City Hospital, when it was found he was badly frozen.

Toward midnight the snow ceased falling, the wind somewhat abated, and the temperature moderated. But the air was intensely cold, and promised no great change for today. About six inches of snow fell during the day. All the outward and inward bound trains were greatly impeded.

The Snow-Storm in New-Jersey.

The pelting, biting and drifting snow-storm which prevailed yesterday was most uncomfortably felt by the people of Jersey City, particularly those who were obliged to travel in the city railroad cars, which frequently got off the track, causing much delay and tedious exposure to the bitter cold.

At 8 o'clock yesterday morning in Newark, the thermometer stood 3° below zero, and all day it was intensely cold. The snow, which commenced falling at about 11 o'clock A. M., continued during the day, and toward night the snow-brooms were at work cleaning the horse-car tracks. In view of the severe and sudden cold the poor are suffering terribly there, as elsewhere, and the Superintendent of the Poor has made out a list of the most needy for the use of those who have something to give.

Western Logical Record.

The following is the Signal Service report of the state of the weather and wind last night, Monday, Jan. 23, at 11:47 o'clock:

Place of Observation.	Barometer corrected for temperature.	Thermometer.	Relative Humidity.	Wind.	Force of the Wind.	State of the Weather
Augusta, Ga.	30.06	65	N.W.	Gentle.	Clear.
Baltimore	29.32	14	N.E.	Gentle.	Cloudy.
Boston	30.19	8	N.	Gentle.	Snow.
Buffalo	30.00	8	S.E.	Brisk.	Cloudy.
Charleston	30.12	62	E.	Gentle.	Fair.
Cheyenne	29.42	42	W.	Very gentle	Clear.
Chicago	30.22	8	S.W.	Gentle.	Snow.
Cincinnati, O.	30.13	20	E.	Very gentle	Clear.
Cleveland	30.14	17	N.E.	.....	Snow.
Duluth	30.07	11	W.	Very gentle	Cloudy.
Key West	30.10	72	E.	Gentle.	Clear.
Knoxville, Tenn	30.08	47	N.W.	.....	Fair.
Lake City	30.12	66	..	Calm.	Clear.
New-Orleans	30.13	60	W.	Very gentle	Clear.
New-York	30.20	10	N.W.	Brisk.	Snow.
Omaha	30.16	2	..	Calm.	Fair.
Oswego	30.19	8	S.E.	Gentle.	Snow.
Philadelphia	30.21	12	N.	Gentle.	Cloudy.
Rochester, N.Y.	30.12	24	E.	Brisk.	Snow.
Savannah	30.18	66	..	Calm.	Clear.
St. Louis	30.16	20	N.	Gentle.	Clear.
St. Paul	30.04	8	W.	Gentle.	Cloudy.
Washington	30.18	12	N.E.	Gentle.	Cloudy.
Wilmington, N.C.	30.22	48	S.W.	Gentle.	Fair.
Norfolk	30.16	26	N.	Brisk.	Cloudy.
New-London, Ct.	30.10	4	N.E.	Very brisk.	Snow.

Barometer corrected for elevation and temperature.

Intense Cold and Snow—The Thermometer Hanging in Twenty-six Below Zero East and North—Forty-five Below Zero on the Top of Mount Washington—The Snow—The Storm in the South.

TORONTO, Jan. 23.—The weather is intensely cold, with strong wind and snow. The thermometer indicates 17° below zero. In Montreal this morning it indicated 26° below zero.

LOCKPORT, N. Y., Jan. 23.—This is the coldest day of the season. The thermometer stood at zero at 10 o'clock this morning.

BELFAST, Me., Jan. 23.—The thermometer is 17° below zero. The bay and harbor are completely frozen over.

LEWISTON, Me., Jan. 23.—This is the coldest of the season. The thermometer stands at from 16° to 20° below zero.

BANGOR, Me., Jan. 23.—This is the coldest day of the season. The thermometer, this morning, indicated from 20° to 25° degrees below zero, in various localities, and at 7 o'clock this afternoon, 10° below. Calais reports 30° below, and Woodstock 32° below.

BOSTON, Jan. 23.—Intensely cold weather is reported from all quarters this morning. At Boston the thermometer stood at 6° below zero, and at Portsmouth, N. H., and Lowell, Mass., from 12° to 15° below.

MOUNT WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—Observations taken at 10 A. M.: Barometer, 22.15; thermometer, 2°; relative humidity, 18; wind north-west; velocity of wind, 55 miles per hour. Yesterday, at 2 P. M., the thermometer was 9°. It continued to fall until midnight, when it was 45°. The clouds passed off the mountain at 6 P. M. It was perfectly clear all night, but the wind blew fearfully. The frozen joints of the house, as they were started with the wind, gave a report like the discharge of a small piece of artillery.

Observations taken at 7 P. M.: Barometer, 22.37; thermometer, 1° below zero; relative humidity, 37; wind north; velocity of wind 1 mile per hour. The reporter telegraphs: "I have never noticed any period of storm when the barometer sympathized more closely with the velocity of wind than during the last twenty-four hours. Constructing two curves in the same time and scale, one representing the velocity of the wind, the other the corresponding barogram, the difference in length of the ordinates of the two curves in a diagram on a small scale is hardly perceptible.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 23.—Snow fell here about twelve hours, ceasing at about 8 o'clock this evening. It is not deep, however, and the street cars have been running steadily, the tracks being kept clear by means of sweepers. The cold is intense.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Jan. 23.—The cold increases. The thermometer this morning stands at 4° below zero. The River is frozen over from here to Peekskill.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—Snow commenced falling this morning.

FORTRESS MONROE, Jan. 23.—A large fleet of coasters have put in here for a harbor.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 23.—The Winter rains are falling throughout the State.

GENERAL TELEGRAMS.

CUBA.

Landing of a Small Filibuster Expedition—Remington Rifles Captured.

HAVANA, Jan. 22.—Information has been received here of the landing of ten filibusters at Rio de la Palma, in the Vuelta-Abajo region. Two of the men were captured; also, a boat containing forty-eight Remington guns and copies of a proclamation signed by QUESADA.

Details of the Latest Expedition—Quesada's Proclamation in Full—A Schooner Loading with Arms at Nassau—Rewards for Prize—Alarmists Death from the Mail.

HAVANA, Jan. 23.—The filibusters captured at Rio de la Palma came in a schooner from New-York. Two of them were killed. Eight remain, with the leader, FELIPE RIVERA. Volunteer citizens are pursuing the rest of them. The capture of the boat and arms is confirmed. The proclamation of QUESADA to the people of Vuelta Abajo says:

"I send you what you asked for. Your opportunity to break your yoke will have come when I disembark a powerful expedition somewhere and send you arms and ammunition. Your brothers in the Eastern Department began with less, and whipped their enemies. To arms, and war against a cowardly Spanish democracy."

It is signed "Quesada," but has no date or place attached to the document. No importance is given here to the landing of these filibusters.

A letter from Nassau, dated the 11th instant, announces that the schooner Eastern Queen is loading with arms and ammunition, ostensibly for San Domingo. The English brig Leone ran into the English brig Frank, from Cienfuegos for Halifax, loaded with molasses, off Matanzas. The Frank was sunk, but the crew were saved. The Leone was damaged and leaking. Per three days the bells will toll and the guns of the fort be fired in memory of PRIM. ANTONIO GIRAU, a post-office employe, has been arrested, charged with being accessory to the collection of drafts that had been abstracted from the mails.

GEORGIA SENATORS.

Report on their Status by the Senate Judiciary Committee—Position of Each Applicant for Admission—Views of Different Members of the Committee.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—The reports upon the eligibility of the contesting claimants to Senatorial seats from Georgia, were made in the Senate today, and substantiate the statements previously made in these dispatches. The resolution indorsed by the majority declares HILL to be entitled to a seat. The report accompanying is agreed to by Messrs. TRUMBULL, EDMUNDS, CONKLING and CARPENTER. Mr. STEWART presents a minority report and resolution in favor of FARROW and WHITELEY, and Mr. THURMAN, who unites with the minority in the opinion that the election of HILL was legal, presents a resolution admitting Dr. MILLER, chosen at the same election, to a seat on taking the oath prescribed for officers whose disabilities have been removed. Mr. TRUMBULL promises to ask the consideration of the resolutions by the Senate at the first opportunity.

To the Associated Press.

The Senate Committee on the Judiciary, to whom were referred the credentials of the gentlemen claiming to have been elected Senators from Georgia, say in their report, made to the Senate today, that the General Assembly of that State was organized in 1868, and at the time of the election of Mr. HILL and Mr. MILLER, contained in each House a constitutional quorum of legal members. Three of the claimants, Messrs. HILL, FARROW and WHITELEY, have had their political disabilities removed by the act of Congress of July, 1868. Mr. MILLER never labored under political disabilities, imposed by the third section of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, but it is admitted that he acted as a surgeon in the rebel army, under an appointment, from a Colonel of a rebel regiment and had thus given aid to persons in hostility to the United States, and, therefore, cannot take the oath required by the act of July, 1862. The act of July, 1862, prescribes a qualified oath to be taken by persons elected or appointed to office, from whom political disabilities have been removed. Mr. MILLER, however, is not relieved from taking the oath prescribed by the act of July, 1862, and in the opinion of the Committee not entitled to the seat, and it follows from the conclusions of the Committee as to the proceedings in the election of HILL and MILLER, that neither FARROW or WHITELEY is entitled to a seat. The Committee are of opinion that HILL was duly elected, by the Legislature having authority to elect a Senator, and is entitled to take his seat on taking the oath required by the Constitution and the laws. All the contestants maintained the position before the Committee, that the ineligibility or disqualification of individual members not sufficiently numerous to affect its constitutional quorum, was an immaterial issue. The Committee, therefore, have not deemed it necessary to discuss the question further than to state the facts in regard to it. The majority of the Committee agreeing to the report are Senators TRUMBULL, EDMUNDS, CONKLING and CARPENTER. Senator THURMAN argued with them that HILL is entitled to take his seat, and holds that MILLER is also entitled to take his seat on taking the oath prescribed by the Constitution. Senators SHERMAN and RICE of the minority, in the presentation of their views say the main question in which election should be held valid, that of HILL and MILLER, in 1868, or FARROW and WHITELEY in 1870. In the determination of this question, much depends upon the point of time when Georgia became entitled to representation in Congress. After referring to the Reconstruction laws on this subject they say they have been able to find no case in the history of the Government where Senators have been admitted from a State not entitled to representation in Congress at the time of the election. Congress has already, in effect, decided that the necessary legislation, declaring that Georgia was entitled to representation, was not made prior to the election of HILL and MILLER, nor has any subsequent Congressional act recognized as legal the organization of the Legislature in 1868. They recommend the adoption of a resolution declaring FARROW and WHITELEY elected and entitled to seats.

THE BOLDEN IMPEACHMENT.

Convening the High Court in Raleigh, N. C.—Voluminous Reply of Gov. Holden—Counsel on Both Sides.

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 23.—The High Court of Impeachment was convened today, and Gov. HOLDEN filed his answer to the articles of impeachment. The answer is a very voluminous document, and covers at least two hundred pages of foolscap. The Board of Managers will make their replication to-morrow at 11 M., and the trial will then proceed regularly. The Managers select as counsel Ex-Gov. BRAGG, Ex-Gov. GRAHAM and Hon. A. S. MERRIMON. Gov. HOLDEN selects his counsel Hon. W. N. H. SMITH, EDWARD CONNELLAND, RICHARD C. BADGER, and Hon. NATHANIEL BOYDEN and J. M. MCCORKLE.

THE PACIFIC COAST.

Unsold Lands of the Central Pacific Railroad—A Match Between Stow and Shelhamer.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 21.—It is asserted that the Central Pacific Railroad Company has placed on record a mortgage for $10,000,000, covering all the unsold land in its possession within the State of California, and it is generally supposed the object is to defeat the operation of the bill reported by Mr. LAWRENCE, and now before Congress. On the other hand, a card appears today from Judge SANDERSON, attorney for the Company, affirming that the mortgage is not made for the purpose of evading any act of Congress, but to serve as a basis for a loan to be used in constructing branches.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 23.—Arrangements have been completed for three match games of billiards between JOHNNY DIXON and A. P. SHELHAMER, for $1,000 a side each game, to be played here soon, and DIXON to allow RUDOLPHE BOU to cover the expenses of the trip.

THE EAST.

Fire and Loss of Life in Milford, Mass.—Wreck on Ipswich Bar and Suffering of the Crew.

BOSTON, Jan. 23.—A fire in Milford, this morning, destroyed the Bay State and Albemarle blocks, including eleven stores and the upper portions of two dwellings; also FRENCH's stables and seven horses. A Mrs. NEWTON, who occupied one of the dwellings, was burned to death.

The stores were occupied by John O. Leary, dry goods; Morse & Wood, boots and shoes; J. White, periodicals; C. W. Wilson, jewelry; H. A. Goodrich, grocer; J. B. Knight, provisions; A. Angell, drugs; S. W. Heath, drygoods; F. P. Goodspeed, jewelry; W. Sanders, boots and shoes; Joel Rice, drugs. The losses are not yet ascertained. The thermometer was below zero, and it was impossible to control the flames or save the property.... The schooner WADE ROSS, Capt. DOWNES, which started from the Isle of Shoals, yesterday, to save the crew of a vessel and two men in a boat, was wrecked on Ipswich Bar on Sunday night. The crew were saved, but badly frost-bitten. The men in the boat were saved. The vessel was lost.

Fires in Woburn and Newburyport, Massachusetts and the Rendall Sensation—Labor Reform.

BOSTON, Jan. 23.—SKINNER & CO.'s tannery, in Woburn was burned down yesterday. Loss, $20,000; insured. A fire in Newburyport, this morning, destroyed the school-house on Washington-street. Loss to the city, $15,000. In Lynn, last night, STEPHEN D. LAMPER, of the firm of LAMPER & BROTHER, was killed by falling down stairs.... A resolution was passed by the House to-day, appropriating $20,000 to enforce the rights of the State in connection with the Bordell bonds, and Boston, Hartford and Erie Railroads.... The Labor Reform League is holding its third anniversary meeting in Elliott Hall. President JOHN OBER is the chair. The attendance is small. Among the speakers are S. S. FOSTER, Mrs. E. L. DANIELLS, Prof. TOURJEE, Mrs. E. S. STILE, and other lights in reformatory movements. The Treasurer's annual report shows receipts of nearly $4,000, and expenses of about the same amount.

THE WEST.

Two Steam-Boats Burned in Wisconsin—Fire and Loss of Life in Plainville, Ohio—A Boiler Explosion Near St. Paul, Ind.—Two Men's Bodies Blown a Hundred Yards.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Jan. 23.—A La Crosse dispatch of today says that the steam-boats *Chippewa* and *Johnny Schmeiter*, owned by H. S. RUMSEY, of La Crosse, were burned on Saturday forenoon at Rumsey's Landing. Loss about $60,000. The fire is believed to have been the work of an incendiary.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Jan. 23.—The dwelling-house of HENRY BRODIE, near Plainville, was burned on Saturday. A child was burned to death, and nothing was to be found after the fire but the charred remains.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 23.—The boiler in Stevenson's saw-mill, located near St. Paul, Ind., exploded this afternoon. HORACE STEVENSON, ABE DEMONT, JAMES BALFORD and SAM MCCARTY were killed instantly. The bodies of two of the men were found 100 yards from the saw-mill. Want of proper supply of water in the boiler is supposed to have been the cause of the explosion.

Seventeenth Assembly District Union Republican Association.

The Seventeenth Assembly District Union Republican Association held a meeting last night at the wigwam in Forty-ninth-street. GEORGE P. BRADFORD, the President, occupied the chair. The attendance was quite small, owing to the storm. A number of names were presented for membership, and several standing committees were appointed. In reference to the rumors afloat concerning the reorganization of the Republican Party by the State Central Committee, the following was offered by Mr. E. L. BULLOCK:

"Resolved, That we hereby appeal to the State Central Committee, and ask that, as a preliminary, block be thrown in our way, and thereby delay the good work which has commenced under such favorable auspices."

An amendment was offered requesting that the State Central Committee take such action as in their wisdom will tend to the consolidation, harmony, and success of the Republican Party.

An excited debate followed, and on motion of IRA A. ALLEN the whole matter was laid on the table for one month.

The meeting then adjourned.

Serious Fire in Pearl-street this Morning.

At an early hour this morning fire was discovered in the cellar of No. 252 Pearl-street, which was not entirely extinguished when we went to press. The flames had access through the hatchways to all parts of the building, and every floor was, therefore, damaged. The basement, first, and second floors were occupied by HENDRICKSON & LEMBURGH, agents of the New-Haven Coffee Manufacturing Company, whose loss is estimated at about $2,000. The two upper floors were occupied by BRAWERMAN & MILLS, dealers in bristles, whose loss is supposed to be about $5,000. The building is damaged to the amount of $3,000.

ISOLATED PARIS.

Additional Extracts from Our Correspondent's Diary of the Siege.

Sad Neglect of the Garde Mobile—The Parisians Not Exceedingly Charitable—Christmas Week a Profoundly Sad Season—Erratic Conduct of the People—Intense Suffering—The Food Question—Campaign Incidents.

In the Times of yesterday several columns of extracts from the exceedingly interesting but elaborate diary of one of our special correspondents stationed within Paris, which we received by the last European mail, were given, and below we present a few more. We regret that we have not space for the entire story:

DECEMBER SCENES.

Ever since the month of December came in, the weather has been intensely cold, and the troops have suffered more from it than from the almost incessant rains of November. But the zymotic diseases have sensibly diminished. I have no doubt that the sufferings of the Gardes Mobiles have been intense, for, in addition to their lack of shelter and proper nourishment, they are very imperfectly clad. A regard for the truth, even though it may offend, compels me to say that these young men are sadly neglected. While the Gardes Nationales and the city troops go to the ramparts wrapped up in warm overcoats, in furnacis, and supplied even with "life

good sense and wisdom. If Providence would only frown very heavily upon these rulers instead of upon this people, there might be yet some hope for poor France.

LACK OF DISCIPLINE.

If one were to ask any foreign officer who has had an opportunity of seeing the French Army in this war what, in his opinion, was the great cause of these unparalleled disasters, his unhesitating reply would be—want of discipline. A "secondary cause," but which is perhaps, after all, the primary, he would say a want of reading and a want of coolness on the part of the officers. An officer has everything in his own hands, and can make his regiment a good one or a poor one as he sees fit, provided he devotes himself to the task in a gracious, kindly, just, calm but rigid manner. These are by no means incompatibles. There are in every regiment, of whatever nationality, some bad men. In every thousand an officer finds about a dozen veritable sons of Belial, who combat discipline and revolt against order and restraint. The remaining 990 men are amenable to discipline. Here we find whole battalions disturbed by only half a dozen of these evil spirits. Unfortunately they are treated with too great levity, and even when caught in a conspiracy against their own officers the worst punishment they receive is a complaining speech or a statement in a newspaper, to which the conspirators reply, the affair ending in a happy settlement at the end of a "family council." Naturally the regular officers do not like this state of things, but what can they do? "Were I to apply the army regulations strictly to my battalion," said a commandant to me, "the men would hold a meeting to-night, overthrow me for being a tyrannic martinet, and elect another commander in my place. They are spoiled children, (*enfants gâtés.*) and until I can be sustained by the military authorities, I must humor them or throw up my grade." True there is no escape from the dilemma. In the face of that admirably disciplined army without it is a pity, but only time and a still more bitter experience perhaps, can open the eyes of those who have the remedy in their hands.

NEWSPAPER ASSURANCES.

That the truth could by any possibility improve the spirit of the people, does not seem to occur to local journalists. "Calumniate!" said BEAUMARCHAIS, "something can always be found." "Lie," say the Parisians, "there are always fools enough to believe you." This would seem to have very little connection with the subject of this paragraph if I did not explain that the Government and the Press started out with the statement that there were provisions enough for six months or more. This lie was pretty well stuck to, but at last people began to ask why, if there were provisions for so long a time, they were not brought out. Why, for example, a single redpheasant, or one-quarter of a codfish was given as the three days' ration of meat, when there was enough of all things for six months, was a little beyond the reasoning powers of the poor. Doubtless there was something wrong in this reasoning, but as it would never do to confess to having lied, the former story was kept up, and one saw, besides, one of those curiosities of journalism peculiar to this city. In one column you read that there was an abundance of everything, and that the Prussians would find themselves mistaken if they hoped to take Paris by famine before next April. This was evidently intended for the perusal of the enemy, while in the adjoining column was a paragraph which the Prussians were expected to overlook. Here we were told that suffering had already began, that a having for three days was the ration, that there was a dangerous disease among the horses, and that the bread had to be rationed. I do not know anything more trying to the temper than to read three or four Paris journals for the purpose of getting at the truth of some particularly interesting or important question. Get a journalist in a corner and he will acknowledge the fact with a shrug of the shoulders and a *que voulez-vous?* and there is a popular song where a very respectable bourgeoise opens the fables to find everything quiet and serene, and turns to the *Intérnal* to read that everything is wrong and the peace disturbed. What can he think? "Clearly the moment has come for us to show ourselves; let us hide," he sings, with a glance from one journal to the other. The moment has now come when the journals must show their provisions for six months, or cease their boasting. There is no longer room for disguising the fact that Paris is hungry. Fresh beef and mutton have been exhausted for many a day, and horse meat begins to turn upon the stomach. After having been fifteen days without eating a piece of meat as large as a capital letter, I tried to overcome my prejudice for horse, but made a complete failure. The flesh is strong, stinking, (if I may be pardoned for being a word better than any other for the place,) and generally very soft. The taste is not at all agreeable, and it can only be disguised by dressing the meat in sauces of various sorts, so highly seasoned that one could eat his own grandfather in them without recognizing the taste of his ancestors. I must say that I was carried away by the lavish praise the French bestow upon horse, at least far enough to say that it might be all very well for those who were fond of it, but I am now satisfied that the flesh of the horse is not fit for human food except as a *dernier ressort*, in which case even cats and dogs may be swallowed. After all, we find that the choice of animals made by the ancients, twenty-five thousand years ago, more or less, was not an entirely hap-hazard affair; for, as the wisdom of it becomes more and more apparent, we find grounds for the presumption that it might have been, after the experience of ten or fifteen thousand years before their time. If reasons are demanded, we may give for one that the horse is an animal that sweats; and further, we find that his fat turns to oil when tried. Whether this is a good reason, or a bad reason, or no reason at all, it is clear that the mania for horse is rapidly diminishing. Those who at first eat it out of bravado, or because the Academy said that it was good, now prefer to eat rat or even dog; and although the hunger has greatly increased, there is no proportionate increase in the number of horses killed. None of the servants, or poor, around me will new eat horse, but several of them have eaten rat, cat and dog, paying a higher price for the meat than they would have paid for horse. As for those who have spent so much time in proving that horse-meat is superior to every other known species, I do not believe that they were honest. Their loud talk is, as Mr. CARLYLE says, but "a self-deception still, and quasi-heroic rascomade."

BEED FOR BREAD.

Of course bread is the main thing. Today, for the first time, the staff of life begins to show signs of failing us. The two bakers in this street and one around the corner have closed their shops through inability to get flour. Naturally this threw the whole quarter into consternation; but the explanation came in time to avoid all trouble. As I find fault with so many things, I am tempted to drop this subject just here; but if the reader will only be good enough to imagine it done before going on, he will be better able to see how hard it is to write of faults without calling them faults, or to speak of spades without calling them spades. The authorities made an error in their bread accounts, whether this was due to their many preoccupations or to their own doubts as to the duration of the siege, history must determine. If the former, one may reply that the question of bread should have been considered of the first importance; if the second, the fact can be used in an argument upon their responsibility for other things. The naked fact is this: It was supposed, and officially reported, that there was flour enough to supply bread up to the 1st of February next, with enough unground wheat in store to last two months more. Admitting these premises the inference is clear that there was no need of occupying the official mind with grinding mills before the middle of January. But the facts did not sustain the official inference—lest pie for the facts, for the inference was sustained by the statement that the bread had been fed away to horses. How this was made straight, when only a given ration of flour was distributed daily, and when the same quantity would be given out, whether eaten by men, horses or canary birds, I cannot pretend to say; for, to correct all the errors in French logic would be a task. At any rate, a few days ago it was suddenly discovered that the flour was very nearly out, and no mills for grinding the wheat in store. Every possible effort was at once directed toward the reparation of this error. In CAIL's foundry one hundred grinding-stones were started, and more in other localities, but as yet they are unable to turn out enough to supply the former quota, and hence the closing of the bakeries. Moreover, the flour is coarse, dark and repulsive in appearance, so much so as to cause great complaints; but I am of opinion that the flour really contains more nutritious or more substantial properties than it does ground and bolted. The Parisians do not think so, however, and I do not think that they would be tempted to eat a pone of our Virginia corn-bread, or the black bread of the Germans.

THE FUEL QUESTION.

The supply of fuel is another question of the first importance. There is no coal, the wheat having been taken by the Government for the manufacture of gas and for running the engines upon the circular railroad. I am now writing with fingers stiffened with cold, as some compositor will perceive to his cost. For a month the want of charcoal has been a serious thing for the small families who always use it for cooking. For three weeks we have had coke, at a very high price, but this has at length given out, and there remains nothing but wood. "Well," the reader will exclaim, "what better for a good fire than wood?" Nothing, I admit, and were I M. BOUSSOUILED, I should always sit before a wood fire. Wood is to be had yet, but today the price has been raised. Yesterday I paid forty cents for fifty pounds, (buying wood by the pound!) and I am now forced to pay forty-five cents. To-morrow it will be fifty cents, perhaps, or just one cent a pound for wood. A little estimate can be made here of the amount of a correspondent's weekly pay which has to go for wood alone, but it should be remembered that I began my letter by stating that the weather is intensely cold. After this computation one can make a few very just reflections upon the poor women and children, the sick and the aged, who have to pass these cold December days and nights without a spark of fire. Of other things there is a growing scarcity. Candles sell for ten cents each. The gas is cut off in all private and public houses, and only a lamp here and there is left burning in the streets. Of vegetables there remain rice, beans and potatoes, although the latter are now given out by ounces as a part of the daily ration. To the ration is added herrings, a few codfish, and at times bits of salt pork. The only contented man I have seen are the department clerks. A young man in the Marine sold his ration of butter for forty francs, and enough of the rest to net him, his own wants supplied, the sum of ninety francs. How the clerks get so much at this time I am unable to say, for although I had, or was informed that I had, when with my regiment, three extra rations for myself, I never could find enough left over to sell. Besides, being entitled to three horses and keeping only two, there was another ration to spare, yet at the end of every month it took a little more than my pay to make up the deficit in my mess bill. Yet these marine clerks sell a large quantity of provisions, however obtained, and they are not entirely ungrateful to the Republic, for the young man who sold his butter remarked this evening, in the most patriotic manner that, being a clerk under the Empire, he would yet have blown his brains out before saluting the Emperor. Clearly, men of his calibre should have some extra recompense, be it only an extra pound of butter.

CAMPAIGN INCIDENTS.

It must be confessed that incidents of courtesy between the rival hosts form the spice of a soldier's life, and greatly soften the rigors of a severe campaign. Who has not read with pleasure the courteous interviews and pleasant scenes which occurred during that hard Winter campaign in the Crimea. One of them occurs to me now. It was cold and miserable weather, too wet for active operations, and the two armies laid in the trenches opposite each other, keenly watching every movement on the part of the enemy. Food was scarce on both sides. One day two bustards flew over the French lines and were wounded, but not killed. Although not able to fly they could run, and they started for the Russian side. A French officer sprang over the works and gave chase. A file of Russian soldiers rose and fired at him, but as he did not stop his pursuit, and ran always toward the enemy in chase of his birds, the Russians gave him a round of cheers and peals of laughter when officer and bustards were rolling together in the mud. Wringing the necks of his birds, the Captain held out one for the enemy, and a Russian Captain came forward to get it. It was with a gesture of thanks that he picked up the bird and turned back to his works, feeling perfectly sure that not a shot would be fired at him. During the Winter of '52 and '53, when upon the Potomac, orders were given to the officers to prevent all communication with the enemy on the other side of the river. The week of my service, word was brought to me that the pickets were conversing. Walking up under cover of a small wood I heard the rebel and the Yankee trying to drive a bargain, and the harmless nature of the transaction made me hesitate to interrupt it. The trade was finally struck, a boat-load of coffee for so much tobacco. Soon a small boat with sail and rudder fixed was started far up the stream, and it came to the rebel wharf with a precision which showed an experienced hand. The coffee was discharged and the tobacco sent back. It was then a question of another cargo, but the rebel refused. He was finally induced to barter by the addition of two old copies of the NEW-YORK TIMES and a *Harper's Weekly* added to the coffee. Once more the cargo of tobacco was sent back with commercial punctuality. The pouches were filled with the fragrant Virginia leaf, and taking his boat out of the water, the owner waved a very graceful salute and retired to his gun. Much amused at this scene, I waited to see it out, but as there was no more talking I was about to creep away slyly, when a new voice was heard. "Rate, to your holes! I'm gwine to shoot," shouted the Virginian, and in a moment there was not a head to be seen. With a true chivalry, time was given to get settled into the holes, but, as no report followed, the Yankee cried back, "If yer go'in to shoot, why don't yer shoot?" Crack! went the rebel's rifle, and no sooner had the little cloud of dust raised by the bullet settled away, than crack came the Yankee's ball into the rebel's rifle-pit. A cloud of blue smoke which continued to rise from the Yankee's hole showed that he had lighted his pipe before commencing his work. When I stole away, the men who had just before been driving a peaceful trade in coffee, tobacco and old newspapers, were doing their level best to send a minie ball through each other's skulls.

MODERN ARMOR.

For some time there has been quite a rage for *plastrons*, or a sort of breastplate of various sorts of material, for the purpose of guarding the manly breast against murderous balls. All of the *belles dames* who love their warriors, insist upon the *plastron* upon the rampart days, and I have no kind of doubt that these little machines furnish any amount of most solid comfort. To feel that Emile is safe because he has on his *plastron* is most consoling to Lucrece at home. These machines are warranted to give perfect satisfaction, with a little railroad, express, or life-insurance condition, that the wearer stays at home and keeps out of danger. The naked truth is that these *plastrons* are a delusion and a snare. Against the needle-gun or Chassepot they are about as potent as a plum-pudding behind to the chest; but since they give so much satisfaction at home, it is a pity to destroy the illusion. Besides, it adds to the courage of the wearer, and is equal to the "Lion Courage Pomade" which a genius proposes to make from the animals in the Jardins des Plantes.

The Burns Anniversary.

Rev. Dr. SAMUEL OSGOOD delivers the oration before the Burns Club, at Steinway Hall, this evening. WILLIAM CULLEN BRYANT will preside, and MORGAN, the organist, will "do" the music. The annual dinner of the Club takes place on Wednesday evening. C. B. COTTON, President of the Club, will preside, and addresses are promised from William Cullen Bryant, Hon. James S. Thayer, Judge John R. Brady, A. B. Perkins, L. D. Kiernan, W. J. Rose, and others. A lively time is expected.

FORTY-FIRST CONGRESS.

THIRD SESSION.

SENATE.... WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.

NEW SENATOR FROM MINNESOTA.

Mr. RAMSEY, of Minnesota, presented the credentials of O. P. STEARNS, elected by the Legislature of that State for the unexpired term of Hon. D. S. NORTON, deceased, ending March 4, 1871. After the reading of the credentials Mr. STEARNS presented himself and took the oath of office.

THE GEORGIA SENATORS.

Mr. TRUMBULL, of Illinois, from the Judiciary Committee, made a report upon the Georgia Senatorial question, accompanied by a resolution declaring JOSHUA HILL to have been elected for a minority term. The report was also signed by Mr. STEWART, of Nevada, reviewing the claims of the various Senatorial applicants and concluding with a resolution to admit Messrs. FARROW and WHITLEY.

These reports were ordered to be printed. Mr. TRUMBULL giving notice that he would call them up for a discussion of the question.

Mr. THURMAN, of Ohio, the Democratic member of the Judiciary Committee, submitted his views upon the Georgia Senatorial question, concurring in the conclusions of the majority in reference to the claim of Mr. HILL, and also a resolution declaring Mr. MILLER entitled to a seat for the term ending March 4, 1873.

COMMUNICATIONS PRESENTED.

Mr. SUMNER, of Massachusetts, presented and had read joint resolutions of the Indiana Legislature, instructing the Senators from that State to vote against the annexation of Dominica.

Mr. MORTON, of Indiana, reminded the Senate that the resolutions were passed by the Democratic majority.

The Joint resolutions were ordered to be printed and laid on the table.

Communications were also presented from the Illinois and Indiana Legislatures, asking an appropriation for the improvement of the navigation of the Wabash River. Referred to the Committee of Commerce.

Mr. JEWETT, of Missouri, presented resolutions of the St. Louis Board of Trade relative to the Geyemnil of the channel at the mouth of the Mississippi River. He said the proposition was of great interest to one-half of the people of the United States, and asked for it the prompt attention of the Committee on Commerce, to which the subject was referred.

Mr. SHERMAN presented a memorial of citizens of Ohio, asking that a portrait of JOHN ALLEN, a surviving Revolutionary veteran of Ohio, be placed in the Rotunda of the Capitol. It was referred to the Committee on Public Buildings.

BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED.

Bills were introduced and reported as follows:

By Mr. CORBETT, of Oregon—For the survey of the swamp and overflowed lands in the State of Oregon, which was ordered to be printed, &c. Referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. SPENCER, of Alabama—To regulate the compensation of Pension Agents. Referred to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. PATTERSON, of New-Hampshire—Regulating the organization and conduct of public schools in the District of Columbia. Referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

By Mr. POMEROY, of Kansas—To confirm the sales of the Shawnee Indian lands in Kansas, made under the direction and with the approval of the Secretary of the Interior. Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. REVELS—To incorporate the Grand Tabernacle of Galilean Fishermen. Referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. HOWE, of Wisconsin, from the Committee on the Library, reported a bill to adjust and fix the compensation of the assistant employed in the library of Congress.

Upon the suggestion of Mr. MORTON, of Indiana, with a view to its amendment, the bill to reimburse the States for the interest, &c., on the war loans, was referred to the Finance Committee.

COMMITTEE ON SOUTHERN OUTRAGES.

Mr. MORTON, of Indiana, offered a resolution, which was adopted, granting the investigating Committee on the alleged Southern outrages leave to report from time to time as suits their convenience, and to sit during the sessions of the Senate.

Mr. BAYARD, of Delaware, subsequently entered a motion to reconsider the vote on the resolution.

INCREASE OF PENSIONS.

On motion of Mr. EDMUNDS, of Vermont, Chairman of the Committee on Pensions, the Senate took up and passed the bill increasing the pensions of disabled soldiers and sailors and of the widows and children of deceased soldiers and sailors. The bill provides for pensions at twenty per cent. for five years from March 4, 1871. Its text is as follows:

That the invalid pensions of all officers, soldiers, marines and sailors of the land and naval forces, and of the regular and volunteer armies and navies of the same, granted or hereafter to be granted under the provisions of the general law, and also the same pensions granted by special law not in excess of those provided by the general law for similar cases, be and the same are hereby increased by the addition of twenty per centum thereof, to commence March 4, 1871. Provided that said increase shall cease and terminate at the expiration of five years from said last-mentioned date.

During the course remarks on the bill Mr. SHERMAN intimated that the Senate would be compelled to take into consideration the increased expenditure under an increase of pensions when the income tax repeal came up.

Mr. EDMUNDS explained that the Pension Committee was constantly receiving thousands of applications for an increase; that the present amount of pensions was believed by the Committee to be inadequate, and that the bill had been reported with a view to treat all classes of pensioners of the Government equitably and equally. The bill accordingly passed, without a division.

CIVIL SERVICE REFORM.

The unfinished business being Mr. TRUMBULL'S bill to relieve Congressmen from importunity and to preserve the independence of the departments of the Government, was considered.

Mr. MORTON, of Indiana, submitted, and had read by the Secretary, communications from the heads of Departments setting forth that there is no excuse of clerical force in any of the Departments; that in some instances an increase is demanded by the interests of the public service, and that as a rule the clerks are attentive and competent.

Mr. TRUMBULL, of Illinois, said that instead of attending the heads of Departments, as exclusively represented by Mr. MORTON, he had only objected to a system which had compelled such a state of things to exist in the Departments. Under such a system, he believed, the heads of Departments could not have done better than they had. He then quoted from the report of the investigating Committee of the House, in 1867, illustrating abuses in the civil service, the Committee alleging that the public service was used as an instrument of party patronage, and that of the employes in the New-York Custom-house, probably, a majority had no special qualifications for their places, and little knowledge of their duties. The Senator retained, even those who did no work, solely because of their political influence.

Mr. CONKLING, of New-York, was understood to remark that the report referred to was an old one. He was satisfied no such abuse existed now in the New-York Custom-house.

Mr. TRUMBULL replied that he doubt that was the Senator's opinion, but he had cited the report of a Committee of Congress, and before the debate was over the Senator from New-Hampshire (Mr. PATTERSON) would, perhaps, be able to show the Senator (Mr. CONKLING) that there were 800 clerks in the Custom-house at New-York who were not performing any service. After quoting from the remarks in debate by Mr. SHERMAN, on MAY 26, 1870, to the effect that one-half the Department clerical force could be cut off, and yet enough be left to do the business, Mr. TRUMBULL called upon the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. ROBERTSON) to state his knowledge on the subject.

Mr. ROBERTSON stated that business frequently called him to the Departments. That those with which he was most familiar were the Treasury and Post-office. That in the rooms he visited there were not on an average more than one-fifth of the clerks present actually at work, but were generally engaged either in conversation among themselves or in reading newspapers. In the Post-office Department he had information of one clerk who was drawing his pay regularly, without having been at that Department for twelve months. Upon complaining of this to the head of the Department, Mr. ROBERTSON said he was informed that the man was kept in by political influence, though that official admitted the thing to be wrong. His (ROBERTSON'S) reply was that if that clerk was not put to work he would make an effort in the Senate for an official inquiry so as to apply a remedy whereby worthy men willing to work should not longer be deprived of Government employment by those who give no equivalent for their compensation.

Mr. YATES, of Illinois, argued that the bill was wrong in theory, implying a separate independence on the part of each of the Departments, in opposition to the doctrine that our Government was one of checks and balances; that the defects of the present system were inherent in a representative system of Government. He spoke of the present system as distasteful, burdensome and oppressive; and, while defending the character of the Department officers as a class, held that a reform should not be attempted until a better system than that suggested by the bill had been proposed. He indicated an amendment, giving to States and Congressional Districts their ratio of appointees in civil and military offices according to population.

Mr. WILSON, of Massachusetts, in advocacy of the bill, argued that, by preventing Senators from committing themselves in advance to nominees, it would secure a more intelligent and conscientious consideration of the merits of Executive nominations. He attributed the responsibility of the present system, which rested upon the idea that "to the victors belong the spoils," to the Democratic Party, by whom it had been inaugurated in 1829, and spoke of the necessity of a proper remedy for what had been called by the Senator from Illinois, (YATES,) "an odious, distasteful and intolerable system." The President's power of making appointments, instead of being exclusively exercised, had been practically monopolized by Senators and Representatives. The admirable management of the Interior Department and the incomparably superior business qualifications of the clerks were then dwelt upon, as also the fact that the force was susceptible of slight reduction, and that any possible reduction should be made. Referring to what had been said about the late Secretary COX in connection with the defects in the civil service, Mr. WILSON mentioned the peculiar difficulties which had always pertained to the administration of the Interior Department. He believed that that officer would have made many valuable reforms, but as it was, the abuses he found still existed when he left the Department. By the competitive examination system, officers would be appointed for a number of years, and the practice of throwing one man out of office to make way for another who could help carry a Congressional District, would be stopped. The grievances of the Republican Party were, in the main, he thought, due to this practice. It was time the mistaken idea that Government officials could make or unmake majorities was abandoned, and they were taught to mind their own business and leave governmental affairs to the people.

Mr. NYE, of Nevada, said the needed reform was to be accomplished, not by legislation, but by the determination of members of Congress not to recommend for an appointment any incompetent person. In the course of some humorous remarks he said that he had argued before the people that none but Republicans were fit to hold office, and that the people had believed it. He was not going to be misunderstood about the matter, and he therefore held it as a principle that no party but a good sound Republican was fit to hold office. The bill was founded upon the idea that Congressmen were dishonest, and that idea had so far received Congressional countenance and support that to get a sheet of paper, a box of matches, or a penknife, a member had to have a written order. Had his (NYE'S) constituents believed he would steal a penknife, they would never have sent him here. He gave notice that before other Senators who desired to speak had been heard on the bill he would move to lay it on the table.

Mr. CAMERON, of Pennsylvania, attributed the cry against abuses in the civil service to the minority in the country, and maintained there was need of more efficient, faithful and poorly paid class of men in the country than the Department clerks. Under all Administrations, from that of JOHN ADAMS to the present time, there had been partisan appointees who had held office, and the minority party had never failed to protest against these appointees, and such would continue to be the rule. After further discussion the Senate, at 4 o'clock, without reaching a vote, went into Executive Session, and half an hour later adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

NEW MEMBER FROM GEORGIA.

WILLIAM W. PAINE, member elect from Georgia, appeared and took the oath of office.

MEMORIALS AND PETITIONS.

Mr. MCNEELY, of Illinois, presented a memorial of the Illinois Legislature for the improvement of the Wabash River.

Mr. WELLS, of Missouri, presented a memorial of the St. Louis Board of Trade for the construction of a ship canal.

Mr. STEVENS, of Ohio, presented a memorial of the City Council of Covington, Ky., against the completion of the Newport and Cincinnati bridge, on the present plan, as an obstruction to navigation.

Mr. GARFIELD, of Ohio, presented a petition of the National Tobacco Association of Richmond, Va., in regard to the tax on tobacco.

Mr. JULIAN, of Indiana, presented resolutions of the Indiana Legislature for the improvement of the navigation of the Wabash River.

Mr. HERLACH, of Indiana, presented resolutions of the Indiana Legislature on the subject of annexing San Domingo.

BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED.

Bills were introduced and referred as follows:

By Mr. STARKWEATHER, of Connecticut—For a Commission to determine the claims for damages to American citizens by the Confederate cruisers.

By Mr. MAYHAM, of New-York—For the improvement of the West Troy Arsenal at West Troy, N. Y.

By Mr. PEUK, of Georgia—Granting lands in aid of the construction of the Atlantic and Great Western Canal.

By Mr. WILLIAMS, of Indiana—To establish shipyards to facilitate transportation, and to promote commerce and navigation.

By Mr. JULIAN, of Indiana—For the disposal of coal lands and other mineral lands on the public domain.

By Mr. BURDETT, of Missouri—To authorize the construction of a bridge across the Missouri River at Boonville, Mo.

By Mr. PALMER, of Iowa—To reduce the rates of correspondence by telegraph, and to connect the telegraph with the Post-office. The bill incorporates GARDINER G. HUBBARD and others as the Postal Telegraph Company, for the performance of postal telegraph service, under contract with the Postmaster-General.

By Mr. ALLISON, of Iowa—To divide Iowa into two judicial districts.

By Mr. BECK, of Kentucky—To establish the Eastern Judicial District of Kentucky.

By Mr. SPINK, of Illinois—For the construction of wagon roads and bridges in Dakota.

By Mr. GAVARAUGH, of Montana—Granting lands for railroad purposes in Montana and Wyoming.

By Mr. SNODGRASS, of Maryland—For the removal of obstructions to the navigation of Britton's Bay, Md.

By Mr. DUKE, of Virginia—Granting 5,500,000 acres of the public lands for common schools in Virginia.

By Mr. MCNEILL, of Pennsylvania—To encourage the building of iron steam-ships in the United States.

By Mr. INGERSOLL, of Illinois—To authorize the homestead entries by persons who served in the army or navy.

By Mr. HOLMAN, of Indiana—To amend the act of Jan. 14, 1865, for protection to citizens of the United States who may discover deposits of guano.

By Mr. MATHEWS, of North Carolina—Granting public lands to North Carolina for common schools.

Also, for the erection of a Post-office in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Mr. LOUGHRIDGE, from the Judiciary Committee, reported a bill to regulate the fees of attorneys, solicitors and proctors in United States Courts. Recommitted.

GIVING PUBLIC LANDS TO THE STATES.

Mr. DOX, of Alabama, offered a resolution instructing the Committee on Public Lands to inquire into the expediency of giving to each State all the public lands therein that have been subject to sale or entry for more than twenty years. Adopted.

COMMISSIONER OF FISH.

Mr. DAWES, of Massachusetts, introduced a joint resolution for the appointment of a Commissioner of Fish and Fisheries of the coasts and lakes. Passed by 127 to 48.

KILLING THE MORNING HOUR.

The bill for a military and postal railroad between New-York and Washington came up as the next business in the morning hour.

Mr. KELSEY, of New-York, moved the previous question on its engrossment and third reading.

Mr. GETZ, of Pennsylvania, in order to consume time, called for the reading of the bill, and it was read in full.

Mr. ARCHER, of Maryland, moved to lay the bill on the table.

Mr. NIBLACK, of Indiana, in order to consume the rest of the morning hour, moved that the House adjourn until Wednesday, and called for the yeas and nays.

By the time the vote was completed, the morning hour had expired, and the bill went over until next Monday.

RANK IN THE NAVY.

Mr. STEVENS, of New-Hampshire, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported a bill to regulate rank in the navy. It fixes the Medical Corps on the active list as follows:

Fifteen Medical Directors, with the rank of Captain; fifteen Medical Inspectors, with the rank of Commander; fifty Surgeons, with the rank of Lieutenant-Commander, all to have the present pay and emoluments of Surgeons in the navy; one hundred Assistant Surgeons, with the rank of Masters, and with the present pay and emoluments of Assistant Surgeons. It provides for thirteen Pay-directors, with the rank of Captain; thirteen Pay-inspectors, with rank of Commander; fifty Pay-masters, with rank of Lieutenant-Commander—to have the present pay and emoluments of Pay-master; thirty passed Assistant Pay-masters, with rank of Lieutenant; thirty Assistant Pay-masters, with rank of Master. It fixes the Engineer Corps of the active list as follows: Ten Chief-Engineers, with rank of Captain; fifteen Chief-Engineers, with rank of Commander; twenty-five Chief-Engineers, with rank of Lieutenant-Commander—all to have the present pay and emoluments of Chief-Engineer; one hundred Assistant Engineers, with rank of Lieutenant; one hundred Second Assistant Engineers, with rank of Master; two Naval Constructors, with rank of Captain; three Naval Constructors, with rank of Commander; three Naval Constructors, with rank of Lieutenant-Commander; four Naval Constructors, with rank of Lieutenant; four Chaplains, with rank of Captain; seven Chaplains, with rank of Commander; seven Chaplains, with rank of Lieutenant-Commander; three Professors of mathematics, with rank of Captain; four with rank of Commander; four with rank of Lieutenant-Commander; two Civil Engineers, with rank of Captain; two with rank of Commander; four with rank of Lieutenant-Commander; the Secretary to the Admiral is to have the rank of Captain; to the Vice-Admiral the rank of Commander; and the Secretaries to Rear-Admirals and the Commodores commanding squadrons the rank of Lieutenant-Commander.

Mr. STEVENS explained and amended the bill, claiming that the reduction made under it would save the Government $75,000 to $100,000 a year.

Mr. SCHOFIELD, of Pennsylvania, opposed the bill and argued against it. He took the ground generally that there was no practical use in establishing these relatives, and that the only possible advantages it was to confer would be in cases where officers should stand in general processions or at Presidential levees, where it would be as much propriety in assimilating the ranks of Senators and members of the Federal Judiciary. The principal was wrong in a republican government, and he was opposed to carrying it out any further.

Mr. HALE, of Maine, argued against the bill, believing that its operation would be pernicious to the navy.

After further discussion by Messrs. MYERS of Pennsylvania, STEVENS of New-Hampshire, and ARCHER of Maryland, the bill was passed.

CLAIMS OF LOYAL SOUTHERNERS.

Mr. BARRY, of Mississippi, moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill to extend to all the States lately in rebellion, the provisions of the act of the 4th of May, 1870, vesting the jurisdiction of the Court of Claims. The bill allows the claims of loyal citizens to be heard in the Court of Claims, if the rules were not suspended, by 125 to [illegible], less than a two-thirds vote being in the affirmative.

The House then, at 4½ o'clock, adjourned.

Funeral of the Late Mrs. Dorcey McGee.

From the Montreal Witness, Jan. 20.

This morning the funeral of the late Mrs. MCGEE, widow of the late Hon. T. D'ARCY MCGEE, took place. The funeral cortège left the late residence of deceased, on St. Catherine-street, west of Bleury, being a cabaret, and proceeded to St. Patrick's Church, where a solemn mass of requiem was celebrated. There was a great crowd in the church, and near the altar were grouped the sisters of the various nun-

[illegible] the need is infinite, that I hesitate to trouble you with my request. I only hope you will be as glad to hear her story as I shall be to tell it for such a cause, that the dead peasant may put her hand out of the grave to feed some of the peasants she loved so well."

The Methodists of St. Louis celebrated their semi-centennial anniversary of the introduction of their denomination into that city last week. In a memorial address, Bishop MARVIN mentioned that during the last three years there had been two conversions to one addition by confession to objects outside of their own churches.

TWENTIE[illegible]DIUM AND TWENTIE[illegible]DIUM.

A Witness Frequent for Delay in the Case of Fisk, Jr., and the Massachusetts Railroad—Stenographic Mistakes—Spitting.

Yesterday the case of JAMES FISK, Jr., vs. The Albany and Susquehanna Railroad Company and others, came up again before Judge BRADY, of the Supreme Court, on a motion to correct a recital in the order of Judge READY, removing the case to Rensselaer County. The recital in the order is to the effect that the plaintiff's counsel "elect" the County of Rensselaer. The plaintiff's counsel say that the word should be "prefer" and not "elect," and that they simply expressed a preference for the County of Rensselaer over that of Albany.

Messrs. D. D. & D. FIELD appeared in behalf of the plaintiff, and Mr. TRACY for the defendants.

Mr. FIELD's statement was to the effect that on the 13th of December last an opinion was delivered, a decision announced, written out and published, directing a change of the place of trial of this action "to the County of Albany, unless the plaintiff proves that it should be to Rensselaer County, in which case the trial may be had at Troy." Thereupon the plaintiff's counsel in open Court prepared the form of an order, which was shown to one of the counsel for the defendants there present, and was then entered upon the fiat of the Judge, ordering "that the place of trial of the action be changed from the County of New-York to the County of Rensselaer." An appeal from this order was immediately taken, and a stay till the 19th of December was obtained, with an order to show cause on that day why the stay should not be continued until the hearing of the appeal. On the 19th, upon the return of this order, Mr. TRACY, one of the defendants' counsel, objected to the form of the order, and asked to have it resettled. It being stated that no notice of the application had been given the Judge said he would hear it the next morning. On the 20th the defendants' counsel renewed the application, and the Judge then made an order, standing, with the following recital: "The Court now here having announced its decision, that the place of trial be changed from the County of New-York to the County of Albany, unless the plaintiff's counsel shall elect that it be changed to the County of Rensselaer, and the plaintiff's counsel having duly elected that the change shall be to the County of Rensselaer," the plaintiff's counsel thereupon stated that though they were willing to signify their preference of Rensselaer to Albany as the place of trial, yet, as they preferred New-York to either, they would not be bound by such election, and would do no more than to signify their preference of Rensselaer to Albany; and in order that there might be no misapprehension in the matter, they handed to the Court a written memorandum, containing a form of recital as the only one which expressed the plaintiff's preference, and the only one to which they would, under any circumstances, assent. This form of recital as to the condition, was in these words, "unless the plaintiff prefers that it should be to the adjoining county of Rensselaer, and the plaintiff's counsel thereupon signifying their preference of the County of Rensselaer to the County of Albany." (See Mr. STERLING'S affidavit.) The learned Judge, however, took the order as it had been prepared by Mr. TRACY, and directed it to be entered with its recital, and it was entered on that day, the 20th of December.

Mr. CHAS. TRACY, in behalf of the defendants, said he would call three attendants of the Court as two affidavits. One of them was made by himself, the other by Mr. PEARSON, an attorney associated with them. These affidavits merely recited the several steps which have been taken, as already reported in the TIMES. Mr. TRACY said he had no objections to make as to the order of the 20th ult. made by the Judge, so far as the provision in it to show cause was concerned, but the stay of proceedings thereon was most remarkable and unusual.

Mr. FIELD argued that the recital, in the order as it now stood, was incorrect in several particulars. He said: First—It does not state correctly the decision, as announced. As announced, written out in the minutes, and published on the bulletin, it was thus: "The change will be to the County of Albany, unless the plaintiff proves that it should be to Rensselaer County." Mr. TRACY'S recital makes it thus: "That the place of trial be changed from the County of New-York to the County of Albany, unless the plaintiff's counsel shall elect that it be changed to the County of Rensselaer." It does not state correctly the action of the plaintiff's counsel. What they did, was only to "signify their preference of the County of Rensselaer to the County of Albany." What Mr. TRACY'S recital states that they do is to declare that they "elected that the change shall be to the County of Rensselaer." By entering the order in the first place they had asserted only to the condition mentioned in the Judge's decision, as announced, which was that they preferred Rensselaer to Albany. Second—This interested should be corrected, as it is now immaterial. No person, party or counsel can justly have attributed to him a consent which he did not give. And it can make no difference that the mercurial is contained in the order or record of a Court. Thus the law provides, that a jury sent in to view, upon a trial, shall be kept together in the minutes, lest it be supposed that some misunderstanding a consent were entered which was not given, would not the mistake be corrected upon affidavit and motion? Third—The mercurial in the present case was material, because it exposed the plaintiff to an objection, upon which he had a real rival to which he should not have been exposed, which was that an election had taken away his right of appeal. This danger was pointed out when the application for resettlement was made, though it appears then not to have made an impression. Now when the appeal came on, a few days after, the defendant's counsel actually took, and argued this point, and it now stands upon their brief, put forth in the names of Mr. TRACY and Mr. PECKHAM, in these words: "The plaintiff elected the County of Rensselaer, and this assented to the order." The attention of the Court is invited to this remarkable proceeding. The question is thus seen to be one not of punctilio, but of rights. Upon Mr. TRACY'S form of recital there might possibly be reason for saying that the plaintiff's counsel had voluntarily made an election of Rensselaer out of all the counties of the State, whereas, in fact, they had not done so. The party has a right to be protected from even the possibility of prejudice through the misconduct of his adversary. The motion in the present case had first to be made at Chambers, for so the rule expressly required. The two rules made in January, 1870, to prevent the slashing of orders, were as follows: 1. "Ordered, That all applications for orders must be made to the Justice assigned to hold the Chambers, except during his absence therefrom; when, in cases of emergency, to be satisfactorily explained, they may be made to any Justice, provided, however, that the order applied for shall not conflict with one previously made and existing. And hereafter no motions founded on notice or orders to show cause shall be heard except by the Justice assigned to hold the Chambers, unless he shall otherwise direct." 2. "Ordered, That applications for a re-argument at Special Term must be made to the Justice who heard and decided the motion or proceeding." The application in the present case was under the first of these rules, not under the second. A re-argument of the motion to change the place of trial was not sought. The motion for that purpose has been decided, and the order entered and appealed from. The defendant's counsel asked the Judge to correct the order, in its recital of facts. No affidavit was presented to him. He said, upon his own observation, that the party who thought that an inconvenience had thus occurred, was obliged to move upon new papers. An application upon new papers is not a re-argument, that is, in other words, a new argument upon old papers. This view has been always acted upon, so far as is known to the plaintiff's counsel. Thus, in Bennett vs. Erie, an order made at the Special Term was vacated at Chambers. The considerations urged at the latter were the same that had

THE HORRIBLE MURDER.

A Wealthy Citizen of Syosset, L. I., Assassinated—The Alleged Murderers in Custody—Coroner's Inquest.

On Saturday evening a number of men, residents of Syosset, L. I., were in the barroom of the hotel at that place, discussing politics, matters of local interest and things in general. Among them were a wealthy farmer named GARRETT WORT NORSTRAND and two other men—KELLY, until recently a track-walker on the Long Island Railroad, and LEVINE. Although the conversation between these three men was not quarrelsome, yet the tone and manner showed to a close observer that they had heard, or was at that time, a personal telling of feeling. About 9 o'clock WORT NORSTRAND, as he was familiarly called, remarked that he "guessed he would go home," and walked out. Within five minutes both of the other men went out, taking pains to go through the back door of the hotel. In about an hour the wife of NORSTRAND came in and inquired for her husband, and was answered that he had gone home about an hour before. On Sunday morning, at 8 o'clock, the body of Mr. NORSTRAND was found about a hundred rods from the hotel, and about the same distance from his house. A large cut was in the forehead as if from a hatchet, and the face was cut with some blunt instrument on both sides of the head. Some blood was found on the ground, and that he evidently had been dragged from the place of assault and murdered. In addition to the above wounds, it was discovered that by some means a feeling of animosity had existed between the prisoners and deceased, and that KELLY had been discharged by the Long Island Railroad Company on account of representations of the deceased.

Mr. NORSTRAND was a man worth from $40,000 to $50,000, a large part of which, it is said, was made in the processing of the steam-ship Merlin, which went ashore on the south side of the island in 1858, and in which a large number of passengers were drowned. He formerly lived in Jamaica. Judge FOSHICK, of that place, had charge of his property. The deceased leaves a wife and four children to mourn his loss. When his wife went to the hotel to acquaint her husband, she must have passed within a few feet of him.

ANOTHER ACCOUNT—ADDITIONAL DETAILS.

On Sunday morning, the dead body of GARRETT W. NORSTRAND, an old resident of Queens County, was found in his yard, near his house, partially covered with snow. An examination showed that he had been fearfully dealt with; his skull was fractured, his nose and jaw-bone broken, and his face cut and contused horribly. It was evident that the weapon had been a sufficient club or heavy iron, but no such instrument could be found in the vicinity of the body. Two men, named KELLY and LEVINE, were arrested on suspicion that they were connected with the murder. The investigation yesterday before Coroner TERRY, FRANKLIN, revealed no implicating items in the bloody affair, but not without their own testimony. Their statements are very conflicting, and disagree in general with all the testimony taken. NORSTRAND was in their company in Oberlinder's Hotel, and had some angry words with them. Levine pushing him, while KELLY assumed an attitude of defiance. NORSTRAND started for his home at 9 o'clock, followed by LEVINE, while KELLY left through a rear door. They afterward met at a barn in the rear of the hotel, but the cause of their meeting is not explained. From this barn to where the body was found the footsteps of only two were traced. The authorities seized the boots of LEVINE and KELLY, and an examination shows that the form of the boots correspond with the traces.

It also appeared from the testimony of a gentleman named HOXTON that NORSTRAND had frequently expressed fears for his life at the hands of KELLY, who had threatened to "shoot him like a man as a cat." NORSTRAND had no large amount of money on his person, nor were any of his pockets disturbed. The testimony taken points conclusively in the direction of these men, and there is little doubt but that they will be held by a Grand Jury. The investigation will be concluded today.

The Methodist Preachers' Meeting—The Question of Independent Utterances in the Pulpit.

Pursuant to adjournment the Methodist Preachers' Association met yesterday in the Washington-square M. E. Church, and discussed the circumstances that are considered favorable or unfavorable to independent utterance in the pulpits of America. Rev. Dr. Griswold, P. E., Rev. Messrs. Gunning, Lathan, Adams, S. C. Brown, John Parker and others took part. Dr. GRISWOLD considered the circumstances on the whole unfavorable among Methodists, mainly for the reason that churches populate with ministers in these days, and the ministers are necessarily obliged to conform their preaching, more or less, to suit the views of those who engage them. He thought it would be otherwise were both parties strangers to each other. Mr. WALSHOW said that if he had been warned by any prominent class in his charge not to speak about certain sins, he should deem it his duty to preach boldly against such things. A New-Jersey minister said he had once been cautioned against preaching so redifully against intemperance, because certain members of his church were manufacturers of distillery in whisky, and they would refuse to subscribe for his salary. He replied that the amount which the rum-sellers gave toward his salary might be charged to him, and he considered it cheap to have his say about whisky on those terms.

Mr. PARKER said he had been a local preacher among the Wesleyans in England, and said there could be no real contrast between the Methodists of this country and any other, because here the voluntary system—the best ever designed—prevailed, and the ministers and people are one. In Great Britain a minister never touches upon anything that displeases his people, unless a sermon on Thanksgiving, Temperance, or any at those occasions that American ministers always deal with, and there is very little sympathy, even among Wesleyans, between the ministers and the people. He preaches at sunrise manfully, if not wisely, by the leaves of the mill owner and the merchant, and the poor man's pleas say others.

Rev. Mr. MEAD, of Rock River Conference, and Rev. Mr. SWARTZ, of East New-York, were introduced. The latter gave a brief recital of his work in East New-York, and asked assistance to remove the obstacles from his path, "because he is to be read before the preachers.

Move Across the Western.

The steam-ship *Ville de Paris* cleared, yesterday, for Havre, with the following cargo: 1,500 cases of muskets, 40 cases of revolvers, 2,000 cases of cartridges, 200 cases of harness, 2,000 cases of ammunition, 2 cases of clothing, 10 packs of tow, and 20 cases of silk-worm eggs. The latter is rather a novel exportation, considering the circumstances that it which France is placed, but we presume the manufacturers believe that these silk-worm eggs may be destined for Italy. The American worm is stronger and hearier than the Italian, owing to the careful manner in which it is cared for and fed. The Italians strip the mulberry leaves every year, while the Americans allow portions of the leaves to remain intact.

Action for Libel Against the Sunday Mercury.

At the Jefferson Market Police Court, yesterday, before Judge SHANDLEY, JOSH HART, the well-known low comedian, made application for a warrant for the arrest of Messrs. CAULDWELL and WHITNEY, proprietors of the *Sunday Mercury*, on a charge of libel. The complaint was based on an article that appeared in the issue of that journal of the previous day, commenting on the evidence adduced in the divorce suit instituted by Mr. HART and making allegations against Mr. HART and his sisters which he thought justified him in commencing criminal proceedings against the proprietors. Judge SHANDLEY received the papers in the case, and issued a warrant for the apprehension of the parties. The examination will take place this afternoon.

Ignatius Loyola—Lecture by Prof. Lord at Association Hall.

Prof. JOHN LORD delivered the fifth of his series of lectures at Association Hall, corner of Twenty-third-street and Fourth-avenue, yesterday morning. His theme was "Ignatius Loyola." The lecturer with much graphic force described the condition of Catholicism in Europe when LUTHER, the great reformer, waged his great and divinely-inspired warfare against its corruptions and abuses. Rapidly sketching the causes which induced the Reformation, he vividly portrayed the downward progress of Papal authority until LOYOLA appeared on the scene, and by the establishment of the Jesuitical Order, created the counter-reformation which to a vast extent interfered with the good results likely to follow from LUTHER'S teachings. He narrated the wonderful effect produced by LOYOLA'S eloquence and the feelings of fervent devotion with which he inspired his followers, which spread his fame over all the Courts of Europe and enabled him to exercise an influence in the administrations of the Church of Rome equal to that of the Pope himself. LOYOLA'S works lived after him. Fired by an enthusiasm unsurpassed in Catholic history, the best youth of all countries joined the Order he established, proclaiming utter carelessness of self, and devotion to their religion, and their zeal has carried the fame of their Order to every corner of the earth. Though differing from them in the theories they advanced, Dr. LORD would not withhold his admiration of their learning, earnestness and zeal as an Order in the cause they propagated, but condemned in no measured terms their crimes, which made them subvert everything—even the sacred relations of country and friendship—to forward the religion of Rome.

LAW REPORTS.

COURT CALENDARS—THIS DAY.

COURT OF APPEALS CALENDAR.

ALBANY, Jan. 23.—The following is the Court of Appeals day calendar for Jan. 24: Nos. 22, 24, 25, 26, 28.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT—SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW-YORK—IN ADMIRALTY.

Hold by Blatchford, J.

Nos. 22—Knapp & Purdon vs. Thompson Co.
19—Wm. W. Tapscott vs. schr. G. H. Hammond.
21—Elias Pomy vs. steam-boat G. Stevens et al.
23—N. Y. and Baltimore Transportation Co. vs. Infanta Isabella.

SUPREME COURT—GENERAL TERM.

Held by Ingraham, P. J., and Barnard and Cardozo, JJ.—Court opens at 10½ A. M.

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142—	Carter vs. Lee.	181—	The People ex. John vs. Connelly.
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29—	The Security Ins. Co. vs. Schultz.	32—	Kaufman vs. Dodge.
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36—	Crane vs. Hoboken Land and Improvement Company.	1—	Everett vs. Garrison.
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		148—	Guy vs. Guest Bank vs. Nat. Bank.
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DECISIONS.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS—JAN. 23.

By Judge Barnard.

Jones vs. Cranman; motion denied, with $10 costs to abide the event.

Bloomer vs. Brandreth; motion denied, with $10 costs.

Bissmore vs. Brandreth; motion granted; order to be settled on notice.

Bonly vs. Ross; motion granted.

Salms vs. Eickering; motion granted without costs.

Mumme vs. Coleman; motion to vacate order of arrest without costs to either party.

In the matter of Logan; order granted.

Jacob Rice vs. Mary E. Rice; motion denied without costs.

J. Lasley vs. McBride; the motion must be referred.

By Judge Ingraham.

Cone vs. Conover; motion granted.

By Judge Brady.

Wilson vs. Babcock; motion denied with leave to renew.

Bradley vs. Sheely; motion granted to be settled on notice.

Allen vs. Smith; memoranda for counsel.

SUPERIOR COURT—SPECIAL TERM—JAN. 23.

By Chief Justice Barbour.

Mary A. Leach vs. William T. Leach; order granted.

William R. Mabley vs. The Pacific Mail Steamship Company; order granted.

Joseph Goldberger vs. Andrew Van Cone; order granted.

Mary Ann M. Saries vs. Andrew Van Cone; order granted.

Charles Schaster vs. James O'Brien; order granted.

Patrick Coleman vs. McCullough Lead Company; order granted.

Anna M. Junker vs. Amelia M. Junker; order granted with $10 costs.

By Judge Freedman.

Barnard Stevenson vs. The Atlantic Mail Steamship Company; motion for new trial denied, with $10 costs.

COMMON PLEAS—SPECIAL TERM—JAN. 23.

By Judge Joseph F. Daly.

Captain vs. Brown; see memorandum with Clerk.

Greene vs. Harris; case settled.

UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT.

The Supreme Court, yesterday, delivered the following opinions:

No. 54.—Barnard vs. Kellog et al.—Error to the Circuit Court for the District of Connecticut.—Barnard was a commission merchant in Boston, and received from Buenos Ayres a quantity of wool, on which he paid advances, and placed it in the hands of brokers, with instructions not to sell unless the purchaser came on and examined the wool personally. Subsequently a sale was made to E. N. Kellog & Co., of New-York, the principal deponent in error making a personal inspection of the wool, and after examining several bales deemed to look all right. Nearly a year afterward Kellog & Co. notified Barnard that the wool was falsely packed. On the trial it was shown, by the custom of wool dealers in New-York and Boston, there is a warrantee by the seller, implied by the face of sale, that the wool is not falsely packed. The Court sustained the custom, and decided in favor of the purchaser. This Court holds that upon a given state of facts the rights and liabilities of the parties to a contract are fixed by the general principles of the common law, they cannot be changed by any local custom of the place where the contract is made. In this case, on the facts shown, no warrant of the good quality of the wool is implied by the common law, and no custom in the sale of the article established in New-York and Boston can be admitted to imply one. Mr. Justice DAVIS delivered an elaborate opinion maintaining this view reversing the judgement below and directing a new venire.

No. 97.—The Steamer Daniel Ball vs. The United States.—Appeal from the Circuit Court for the Western District of Michigan.—This was a libel of information against the steamer, to recover a penalty for not having procured inspection license while employed in transporting passengers and merchandise on Grand River, in Michigan, as required by the Navigation acts. The Court below held that the waters were navigable, and that the common law doctrine as to navigability of waters has no application in this country, the fact of navigableness depending not upon the ebb and flow of the tide, but upon the general navigable capacity of the stream, and as the voyage, though commenced and ended within the State, was the continuation of the transportation of freight from one State to another, it forms a link in commerce among the States; and the vessel as engaged is subject to the Navigation acts, and liable for the penalty. This Court affirms the course below, remarking that it is unable to draw a distinct line between the authority of Congress to regulate an agency employed in commerce between the States, when extending through two or more States, and when it is confined within the limits of a single State. If the authority does not extend to an agency in such commerce so confined, its entire authority over inter-State commerce may be defeated. Mr. Justice FIELD delivered the opinion.

No. 82.—*Hansen vs. Woodruff.*—Certificate of division from the Circuit Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas.—This was an action on a promissory note. The defense was that the consideration was illegal, being certain bonds issued by the State of Arkansas after the passage of her secession ordinance. Two questions arose, on which the Judges below were divided. First, that the consideration for the note would, in the strong of public policy, so that no action could be sustained thereon in the Federal Courts. Second, if the Bonds were a sufficient consideration to sustain the action, what was the measure of damages? These questions were certified to this Court. There was no dissent as to division of opinion, and the case is remitted to the Court below for the purpose of enabling that Court to take such action thereon as it may be advised, in accordance with the practice of the Court in such cases. Mr. Justice MILLER delivered the opinion.

No. 85.—*Edmonson et al. vs. Bloomshire et al.*—Appeal from the Circuit Court, Southern District of Iowa.—This was a suit in equity, assuming a Revolutionary claim, the question being whether by the will of Mrs. Edmonson, deceased, making certain bequests to her husband, Dr. Edmonson, father of the claimants, title by descent to certain lands was broken, as, in direct, her brothers as heirs, and vest the title in her husband by virtue of the bequests to him. The Court below held, that the will did not disturb the title of the heirs of the testatrix, under whom the parties in possession claimed, and this Court affirm the decree there made. Mr. Justice CLIFFORD delivered the opinion.

No. 86.—*The Mississippi Railroad Company, Clark Durant et al. vs. Amasa Meeker, Executrix, et al.*—Error to the Supreme Court of Iowa.—Dismissed for want of jurisdiction. Mr. Justice SWAYNE delivered the opinion.

No. 11.—Original.—*The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania vs. the Quicksilver Mining Company.*—Cause dismissed for want of jurisdiction. Mr. Justice NELSON delivered the opinion.

SUPREME COURT—GENERAL TERM—JAN. 23.

Before Presiding Justice Ingraham and Judges Barnard and Cardozo.

LIABILITIES OF EXPRESS COMPANIES.

George S. Thompson, plaintiff and respondent, vs. James C. Fargo, Treasurer of the American Express Company.—On the 11th of August, 1865, at Springfield, Ill., plaintiff delivered to the United States Express Company a package containing United States compound interest notes and greenbacks amounting to $660 63, directed to John and Wm. White, care of James K. Martin, Bunton House, Terre Haute, Ind. The package was carried by the United States Express Company to Decatur, Ind., the termination of their route, and there delivered to the defendant, who conveyed it to Terre Haute, Ind. Martin the consignee at Terre Haute was not to be found. Enquiry at Jones's, he could be after diligent search, be found, nor could John or William White be found. The package was therefore forwarded to this City, the principal office of the defendant in September, 1865. The plaintiff thereupon demanded from the defendant the proceeds of the package, less all costs and charges, and to indemnity the defendant against the claim of the consignees. The defendant refused to deliver the package, and hence this action was brought by the plaintiff. The Court referred the issues to John Sherwood, Esq., as referee, who found for the plaintiff. The defendant excepted to the decision.

The case was argued today by Judge VAN VORST for the appellant, and Edward Van Wess for the respondent.

Judge VAN VORST contended that the plaintiff has no property, general or special, in the package in question, and has no title to maintain the action for the recovery of the money; the money in the package and the "discharge papers" belonged to the Messrs. White, who were discharged soldiers from the United States Army. The plaintiff has no title as owner to the contents of the package, and no lien thereon of any nature.

The Court took the papers, and reserved the decision.

THE RIGHTS OF PASSENGERS AND THE LIABILITIES OF RAILROAD COMPANIES.

Cyrus H. McCormick, plaintiff and respondent, vs. The Pennsylvania Central Railroad Company, defendants and appellants.—This action was brought to the Marine Court against the defendants for the alleged conversion by them, in March, 1863, at the City of Philadelphia, of several trunks and their contents. The plaintiff at the time was a resident of Chicago, and the complaint says that he arrived in Philadelphia on the 24th of March, 1863; that intending to go West to Chicago, he delivered to the defendants his baggage to be checked through. The trunks, it seems, were too many, and the check-master refused to check them, although the passage tickets were shown, unless an additional sum was paid, which was refused. Plaintiff then demanded of his baggage, but it was too late. The baggage had gone. The defendants say that the trunks, alleged to contain $6,000 worth of valuable personal property, were taken on to Chicago in the same train that conveyed the United States mail; that when the baggage arrived there it was not ready to be delivered to it, and it was stored in the usual place for such goods. On the succeeding night the depot at Chicago was struck by lightning and entirely consumed. Among other property the larger portion of the property in suit was destroyed. The defense of inevitable accident was one of the points raised by the defendants. There were, however, several others. On the trial in the Court below the jury rendered a verdict for the plaintiff for $10,500 ct. A motion for a new trial having been made, the same was argued today on one side. The argument will be continued at the opening of the Court on Tuesday.

For defendants and appellants, Messrs. Seward and De Costa; for the plaintiff and respondent, Mr. E. W. Stoughton and D. D. Lord.

KINGS COUNTY SUPREME COURT.

Before Judge Gilbert.

ALLEGED FRAUDULENT SALE OF LAND.

Mary Ladd vs. Bernard Clark.—This action was brought to recover $6,400 paid to defendant on the 15th of June last, in exchange for 640 acres of land in Wisconsin, which he claimed to have a clear title to. The sequel, however, showed it was claimed that the land was heavily mortgaged.

The defense was a general denial, but being unable to show that he, defendant, had a clear title to the land, the Court directed the jury to find for the plaintiff.

E. T. Gardner, W. C. Traphagen, and S. D. Lewis, for plaintiff; William H. Taggard for defendant.

KINGS COUNTY SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT.

Before Judge Tappen.

ACTION FOR $20,000 DAMAGES AGAINST A RAILROAD COMPANY.

Daniel H. Brawley vs. The Flushing and North-side Railroad Company.—This action is brought to recover $20,000 for damages sustained by plaintiff by being run over on the 21st December, 1869, by one of defendants' locomotives. The plaintiff's hip was dislocated, part of his right foot cut off, and his head badly cut, and he has not yet fully recovered from his injuries so as to be in good health.

The defendants claim that the accident was brought about solely by the negligence and carelessness of the plaintiff himself. The facts of the case, as they represent them, are that the plaintiff tried to run over the train, instead of the train running over him. As the train was coming into the station at Winfield, the plaintiff deliberately walked into and was struck by the side of the locomotive. Case still on.

George Carpenter for plaintiff; Jordan Hinsdale & Melim for defendants.

SUPERIOR COURT—SPECIAL TERM—JAN. 23.

Before Chief-Justice Barbour.

DEFECTIVE COMMITMENT.

The People, &c., vs. John Sullivan.—Sullivan, who is a lad of about sixteen, was committed on a charge of grand larceny without stating in the commitment on whose oath he was charged. The prisoner was brought up on a writ of habeas corpus, and his discharge asked for on this ground. The Court held the commitment to be defective, and ordered the prisoner's discharge.

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200 do.	85½	Chic. & N. W. 1st	91
200 Chi. & N. W.	77½	Chic. & N. W. Sinking Fund	85½
5 do.	77½	Chic. & Mil. 1st	91½
200 Chi. & N. W. Pf.	85½	Chic. & Mil. Com.	70
100 do.	85½	Chic. & Rock Island	106½
200 do.	85½	Pittsburg, Ft. W. & Chi. 1st	88
200 Chi. & N. W. 1st	91½	Pittsburg, Ft. W. & Chi. 2d	84½
100 do.	91½	Pittsburg, Ft. W. & Chi. Com.	84½
200 Mil. & St. P.	41½	Cin., Ham. & Dayton 1st	90
100 do.	41½	Cin., Ham. & Dayton Int. Certificates	70
100 do.	41½	Cin., Ham. & Dayton Com.	50
100 Mil. & St. P. Pf.	68	Ohio & Mis. Con.	38
100 do.	68	Ohio & Mis. Con. 2d	16½
100 do.	68	Del., Lack. & West.	96
100 Mil. & Mad. Pf.	75	Del., Lack. & West. 1st	103½
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100 P., F. W. & C.	90	Western Union Tel.	35½
100 P., F. W. & C. Pf.	78	Pacific Tel.	33
100 Del., L. & W. R.	94	Quicksilver	7½
100 do.	94	Quicksilver Pf.	37½
100 Ohio & Miss.	38	Mariposa Mining	8½
100 do.	38	Mariposa Pf.	18½
100 Morris & Essex	101	Boston Water Power	8½
100 do.	101	Adams Express	64½
100 Morris & Essex R.	98	Wells, Fargo Express	34
100 do.	98	Am. Ex. Union Ex.	67½
100 Cleve., Col., Cin. & Ind.	112	United States Ex.	48
100 do.	112	Pacific Mail	49
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NEWS OF THE DAY.

THE WAR.

Gen. TROCHU, it was said, would not renew the attack on the Germans. In his order regarding the sortie he says it was successful at the outset, but the army was unable to hold the positions taken. News from within the city represent much dissatisfaction with the General, but the Council, after resolving to remove him and give the command to three Generals, concluded to retain him, and not change the plan of defence. JULES FAVRE was quite ill. He held a consultation with the Mayors on the subject of going to London, but they were divided in opinion, and no decision was reached.

The defeat of the French in the North was most complete. The French loss was 15,000, including 11,000 prisoners. A body of mobilized National Guards became panic-stricken, and 10,000 of them fled in confusion from the field. The people of Lille were flying toward the frontier in consternation, and the French troops were arriving there in a pitiable state. GAMBETTA made a speech to them, urging disregard for the cry of "peace at any price," and the people and army to do their duty. France would yet triumph. The country about Valenciennes has been inundated in apprehension of the German approach. The bombardment of Longwy continues, and the fires in the city are confined. The Germans, however, were repulsed in an assault, and were compelled to withdraw their batteries further from the town. Cambray was summoned to surrender on the 22d. The Army of the North is said to be rapidly reorganizing.

In the Italian Chamber of Deputies an interpellation brought out the reply, on the 21st inst., that it was impossible for Italy alone to mediate between Prussia and France, but it would seize the first opportunity to co-operate with other Powers. Several members expressed sympathy with France. The German cities of Hamburg and Bremen celebrated the proclamation of WILLIAM as Emperor by firing salutes, and the decoration of the residences of the citizens. The Federal treaties were sanctioned by the Bavarian Chamber of Deputies, on the 21st inst., by 102 to 42.

GENERAL EUROPEAN NEWS.

Count BISMARCK has refused to give M. FAVRE a safe conduct through the German lines, and in a note, assigns as reasons that M. FAVRE has declared that the invitation to attend the Conference would be a recognition of the Republic, and inquires whether such a visit as M. FAVRE contemplates would be advisable, since the interests at stake at Paris for Germany and France completely overshadow the Eastern question.....It is stated that the Queen will open the British Parliament in person. One hundred and fifty deaths from small-pox occur weekly in England at present. The steam-ship *England* has put back to Queenstown, a severe gale causing the escape of gas from dangerous chemicals in her cargo. The officers of the *Guerriere* and *Brooklyn*, now at Lisbon, have signed a memorial contradicting certain aspersions in an article in an American journal.

CONGRESS.

In the Senate, yesterday, Mr. O. P. STRAUNS, a new member from Minnesota, was sworn in. The report of the Judiciary Committee on the Senators from Georgia was submitted, accompanied by a resolution declaring B. H. HILL to have been legally elected. Among various communications which were read, were resolutions of the Legislature of Indiana against the annexation of Dominion. Several new bills of minor importance were introduced. The bill to reimburse States for interests on war expenses was referred to the Committee on Finance. A resolution was adopted allowing the Committee on Southern Outrages to report from time to time. The bill to increase the pension of disabled soldiers and sailors, and others, twenty per cent., for five years, was passed. Mr. TRUMBULL's bill for the reformation of the civil service, prohibiting Congressmen from recommending appointments, was then taken up as the unfinished business. A communication from the heads of Departments in relation to the efficiency of the clerks was read, and remarks made against the bill by Mr. MORTON, Mr. NYE, and Mr. CAMERON. The necessity of reform in the civil service was urged by Mr. TRUMBULL, Mr. ROBERTSON, and Mr. WILSON. No vote on the bill was reached.

In the House, a number of memorials and petitions, relating to local interests, were presented, and several new bills introduced. Among the latter was one for determining the claims for damage done by confederate privateers; one to connect the telegraph with the postal service; one to encourage the building of steam-ships; and one to facilitate transportation and promote commerce. Mr. DAWES' resolution for the appointment of a Commissioner on Fish and Fisheries was adopted. The bill for a military and postal railroad from New-York to Washington came up, but its opponents succeeded in staving it over the morning hour without action or debate on its merits, and it went over till next Monday. A bill regulating rank in the navy was reported, and after some discussion was passed.

THE LEGISLATURE.

The members of the State Legislature reassembled at Albany, last evening, but nothing of importance was done. In the Senate, Mr. TWEEDY introduced a bill authorizing any religious corporation to purchase or hire lands and erect school-houses for Sunday or parochial schools and residences for the clergy and trustees of the church; and Mr. MORGAN introduced one authorizing the Poughkeepsie and Eastern Railroad Company to cancel a portion of their first mortgage bonds, and to substitute instead bonds of a smaller denomination. The bill authorizing the Avenue C Railroad in this City to extend its tracks, was passed to a third reading. In the Assembly, beyond the introduction of several bills nothing of moment was done. Among the new bills was one "for the better protection of health and the prevention of vice in the City of New-York;" and others regulating the sale of patent medicines in this City; fixing holidays and the time for payment of commercial paper, and amending the charter of the New-York Northern Railroad.

GENERAL.

Our telegraphic dispatches this morning show that the present intensely cold weather and snow-storm extends into Canada, New-England, and southward as far as Washington. In Montreal the thermometer stood at 32° below zero yesterday, and in various parts of Maine and New-Hampshire it ranged from 12° to 30° below zero. On the summit of Mount Washington, on Sunday, the thermometer fell from 2° below, at 7 A. M., to 45° below zero at midnight. Yesterday at 10 A. M. the thermometer stood at 20° below. In this State the temperature was not as low as in New-England. Snow began to fall in Philadelphia and Washington yesterday morning. Vessels put into Hampton Roads yesterday for shelter from the storm. In this City snow began to fall in the morning, and continued throughout the day and night, with a strong cold wind.

Advices received in Havana represent that a band of ten filibusters landed at Rio La Palma recently, two of whom were captured, and a boat containing forty-eight Remington rifles, together with a proclamation signed by QUESADA.

The Senate of South Carolina, sitting as a Court of Impeachment to try the accusations against Gov. HOLDEN, convened yesterday in Raleigh, and the Governor filed his answer to the articles of impeachment. The replication of the Board of Managers will be made today at noon, and the trial will proceed.

The Sioux of the Lower Agency attacked Indians of the Berthold Agency recently, while hunting by instruction of their agent, killing several. Lieut.-Col. HAYMAN, commanding at Fort Stevenson, D. T., sent military aid to the attacked agency, and intimated to the Department Commander that Indians from the Lower Agency who came in his vicinity would be treated as hostile. He was advised, however, not to treat them as hostile unless committing acts of hostility, and to offer aid only when the villages were attacked in the absence of the warriors.

The Canadian Government organs in Toronto deny most positively that Sir JOHN ROSS visits Washington on public business, or is charged with any mission to the Washington Government. He is there on purely private matters.

One million dollars have been voted by the Corporation of Quebec to the Dominion North Shore Railway, and $500,000 have been voted to the same enterprise by different municipalities along the line of the proposed road.

A colored woman named CAESAR was found dead in her house at Kinderhook, yesterday morning, with her throat cut. Her daughter, who is insane, was arrested, and confessed the crime. She said her mother would have cut her throat if she had not killed her.

The examination in the Albany Express robbery case was postponed yesterday owing to the low condition of the messenger HAYNES, which took a turn for the worse on Sunday. The case is adjourned until Thursday.

Is It a Hopeless Fight?

We have often been asked what good we expect to accomplish by our constant exposures of the small but powerful clique which has contrived to get possession of the City of New-York, and has not much left to triumph over before it reduces the State to the same condition. Even those who are anxious to see us continue the struggle, profess to be in very low spirits concerning the probable result. They say, "Nothing short of a revolution will ever upset the rule of Tammany in this City." Another friend of good government writes to us: "Your persistent assaults on the Ring will long be remembered to your honor, but you see that in spite of them all, TWEED has had the audacity to bring in a new scheme for robbing the public, and that PETER COOPER is easily induced to recommend it to the people. Again, on the list of trustees for the erection of a statue to W. M. TWEED, you will find the names of ISAAC BELL and CHARLES P. DALY, both highly respectable men, but not above lending their names to the glorification of a man whom the Democratic *World* has denounced as a dishonest bankrupt and a 'swindler.' Is not all this rather discouraging?"

At first sight such circumstances as these may look a little unpromising, but when we began this fight we were perfectly well aware that it could not possibly be successful in a day. The system which we desire to overthrow has been very carefully matured, and is now supported by an organization of almost unrivaled power and wealth. See, for instance, how the Federal organization goes down whenever it comes into contact with Tammany. This, no doubt, arises partly from sheer mismanagement. Collector MURPHY is no match for old strategists like PETER B. SWEENY, O'GORMAN, and the lesser known agents who whip up the rank and file of the City Democracy. But the main cause of the failure of the Federal officials is the overwhelming strength of the enemy. The exchequer of that enemy is replenished by the taxes of New-York, and there are hundreds of active men in their service who owe everything they have in the world to TWEED and SWEENY, and who do their best to keep them in power. The Tammany camp is strongly intrenched, and we, at least, never expected to rout it in one campaign.

We believe, however, that great progress has been made toward defeating it; that public opinion is ripening slowly but surely on the subject, and that, consequently, the foundations of the most demoralizing and mischievous rule in the world are being undermined. TWEED's new scheme for raising taxes, approved by that fatuous person, Mr. PETER COOPER, is really an evidence of weakness, not of strength, on the part of the Ring. The members of it feel that their day of power is drawing to a close, and they make desperate struggles to help themselves to as much of the public money as they can before the crash comes. One of their great allies, the man who was their principal speaker at Tammany Hall during the last canvass, and who boasted that he could order up 25,000 voters to their support on election day—JAMES FISK, Jr.—is now on the verge of ruin. Mr. AUGUST BELMONT, who presided over the meeting which FISK addressed, is really ashamed of the connection. FISK's fellow rogue, JAY GOULD, cannot keep up the old partnership much longer. Erwann fines may shrink back from ordinary swindling. But JAMES FISK, Jr., is a little too heavy a load for him to carry. SWEENY is impatient to have FISK kicked out of the party. Gov. HOFFMAN owes him no good will. It will be something to have got rid of FISK, although after that we shall still have JAY GOULD, much the more artful and dangerous rogue of the two, upon our hands. We need not, however, be in doubt about the ultimate result. The fight is between the honest portion of the Press and a swindler, and the swindler will get the worst of it in the long run. It makes very little difference to us whether the fight is one of months or of years—we intend to keep at it without flinching, and without being turned aside by any cause whatever, and unless all precedents are fallacious, the newspaper is sure to win.

We cannot, of course, help regretting the fact that respectable men like ISAAC BELL and CHARLES P. DALY consent to give their names and influence to the service of professional plunderers of the community, like TWEED and SWEENY. But it must be remembered that there is nothing new in this coalition. Mr. ISAAC BELL has long acted as a sort of "touter" for TWEED in the Union Club and elsewhere, and, no doubt, there are some people who believe that he does so from the purest motives. After all, he is not worse than the Republican MARSHALL O. ROBERTS, who worked hard to defeat the Republican candidates, and to stab Gen. GRANT in the back, at the last elections. Respectable men will sometimes do anything to save a few thousand dollars, or to gratify a spite, or take revenge for a disappointment. When Republicans like Mr. ROBERTS and HAMILTON SMITH can work systematically for Tammany, and still be called good members of the party, we have not much right to complain of ISAAC BELL.

It is not in individuals, but in the main body of the public, that we place our reliance, and in taking that course our conviction is that we shall be justified by events. The community at large would like to see this great City honestly governed, whether by Democrats or Republicans, and they know that TWEED, SWEENY, and their crew are unworthy to be ranked with either party. This feeling will in time lead to the downfall of the Tweedites. As men pass TWEED's house on Fifth-avenue, they point to it and say: "That really belongs to us. We paid for it, and some day it will fall into our hands again." The Tweed and Sweeny gang cannot always resist the power which reposes in the hands of honest tax-payers. We are told that the contest must be a long one. Be it so—a newspaper can afford to wait. It outlives men, and sometimes, as we see in the case of the *World*, it outlives principles too. No changes, however, can affect the course of a paper which is distinctly and unalterably identified with the cause of good government and the vindication of popular rights.

When TWEED and SWEENY are ruined and degraded men, the TIMES will be as ready to rejoice over their downfall as it has been to help in accomplishing it. Our reply, then, to our timid correspondents is, that we are not at all discouraged, and we invite them, on their sides, to summon up a little more pluck and spirit. We have carried on this fight solely on public grounds, and not without making sacrifices for it—thereby entitling ourselves to no thanks or gratitude, but simply doing our duty. The path of duty still lies in the direction of attack upon the gang which subsists by pillaging the tax-payers, and even if we know that failure awaited us—instead of, as we believe, success—we should still persevere until an end of some kind or other was reached.

The Recent Eclipse of the Sun.

The chief object of the astronomers who went out to watch the eclipse of Dec. 22 was to determine the nature of the sun's corona. Most of the observers repaired to various points in the south of Europe. The Island of Sicily was the favorite locality selected, and Mount Etna was the chosen point for the principal expeditions. Exactly as predicted, and exactly as happened twenty-two hundred years ago, the eclipse occurred. Unfortunately the weather was not propitious, and, as seen from nearly all the observatories, the sun was much obscured by clouds, rain, or hail. The first telegrams, however, gave a more gloomy report than the facts warranted. We now know, on the authority of Prof. HARKNESS and Mr. LOCKYER, that the results obtained corroborate the discoveries made by the American observers during the eclipse of Aug. 9, 1869.

The week before the eclipse was almost universally fine in the south of Europe, so that there were sanguine expectations of success. In fact, the morning of the 22d itself was in most places clear. But as the critical hour drew near, light scud followed by gauzy vapors, and finally dense clouds, obscured at most of the stations the face of the sun. As the sun darkened, one writer says, the air thickened; and at Mount Etna the moment of totality was accompanied by a hail-storm of extraordinary intensity. At San Antonio, Rev. S. J. PERRY reports that the sun was covered by a thin cirrhus throughout the eclipse. Still, he saw the well-known Bailey beads, and saw the corona "burst forth" twenty seconds before totality. As he also observed it for fifteen seconds after totality, the corona was visible to Mr. PERRY for two minutes and fifty seconds. To him it appeared free from striation, with distinct outline, approximately quadrilateral, but white in color and rendered faint by the clouds. A very magnificent view of the eclipse is said to have been had near Arcos, and at the American station near Xeres a break in the clouds allowed observation during half the totality. The accounts from Gibraltar are of limited value, and at Seville it rained during most of the eclipse. At Oran, a station from which much was hoped, the weather was more unfavorable than at the Spanish stations, and poor Mr. JANSSEN, who escaped from Paris in a balloon with his instruments at the risk of his life to observe the phenomenon, saw nothing whatever of it after all. Thus it happened that, in spite of the bad luck of the observers on Mount Etna, most of the details of value reach us from Sicily. From reports of these we gather such details as appear to be most valuable.

Most persons interested in natural science are aware of the main features of solar phenomena. It may, however, be interesting to refresh the reader's mind on the subject. We know that the sun is surrounded first by what is called the "chromosphere." This, in total eclipse, appears as a concentric circle of reddish light, and has been proved to consist of lamina of burning gas, mostly hydrogen. Next, there are what are termed the "red flames," seen by the Janssen-Lockyer experiments, and which are outbursts of incandescent hydrogen leaping irregularly, at intervals, to the height of thousands of miles. Lastly there comes the corona. This Sphinx of a phenomenon, as somebody calls it, is the great subject of solar debate. Observers disagree not only as to its elements but as to its appearance. Some have held it to be a reflection from the earth, and some to be an atmosphere of the sun. Now, it is said to be demonstrated by the observations of the eclipse of Dec. 22, that neither of these assumptions is correct. Briefly speaking, the deductions of one authority, as gathered from the minutes or polariscopic observations, amount to this: That the corona is strongly polarized, and so shines with reflected light; that it is polarized in a plane different from that reflected from the moon's surface at the moment of totality, and therefore that it is not atmospheric. Hence, it may fairly be considered to be a solar appendage, reflecting in an eclipse the light of the obscured sun. These conclusions are not universally confirmed, as we shall soon see; but their affirmation is general in important particulars bearing on the discoveries of American astronomers.

The observations with the spectroscope—and here we may say that the observations made by Mr. BURTON at Agosta, to which great importance is attached by the foreign Press, are confirmed by the report of Prof. HARKNESS, sent from Syracuse, and just received at the Naval Observatory in Washington—are still more interesting. The ordinary spectrum of the chromosphere was seen, then the usual hydrogen lines, or flames, and then a clear green line outside the part of the spectrum due to the chromosphere. Now the question is, of what does this green line consist? It is affirmed that it cannot be hydrogen, else why were not the other well-known lines of hydrogen present? and that it cannot be iron for the same reason; but that it must be something of a nature totally unknown to our terrestrial chemistry. The theory is advanced that the green is the same with that found in the aurora, and said to have been found in the zodiacal light, but this is apparently a mere hypothesis. A chain of tolerably logical reasoning, however, seems to establish the interesting conclusion that the sun is green on the outside. The notion that the mysterious substance, whether we call it green gas or corona, is of the all-pervading ether of the universe itself, made luminous by the intense heat of the sun, looks plausible at first sight, but is, apparently, made untenable by the definiteness and permanency of its outlines. Yet it is certainly true that, Prof. WATSON asserts, that he has seen part of the corona float away "like a veil," and if part, we may say, why not the whole? The conjecture is obvious, on that hypothesis, that its matter is constantly dispersing, and replaced by the surrounding ether.

However these and similar theories are ultimately determined, it may safely be assumed that so far as the observations of this eclipse of Dec. 22 were intended to verify or correct those of our American observers in 1869, the former result has been established. Prof. HARKNESS goes further, and thinks he has discovered that the corona not only belongs to the sun, but that it is in a great degree, if not entirely, self-luminous, that its light gives the green line, and that the light is not polarized at all. The discrepancies between various authorities will doubtless be reconciled hereafter. Meanwhile, it is a great satisfaction to know that many capital photographs have been obtained of the eclipsed sun—Lord LINDSAY's party alone having got nine of these, two showing good views of the corona and one the famous Bailey's beads.

Ministerial Prospects in England.

M. CHEVALIER, the French economist, and the friend and fellow-laborer of Mr. COBDEN, lately wrote to one of the Havre newspapers an article intended to show "what the policy of inaction may bring on England." In it occurred these words, "there is no exaggeration in affirming that in the tragic drama now being played in Europe, the interests of England, whether she will or no, are almost as much engaged as those of France." Whether this has come about through any fault of the men who at present guide the destinies of Great Britain need not now be discussed. That, as M. CHEVALIER asserts, the obliteration of France, as a power of the first-class, from the political system of Europe, will cost England an additional war expenditure of many millions, is one of the great [illegible] abilities of the future. The best indication [illegible] this is the recent entire change of front [illegible] English parties, as a consequence of the new issues that have been suddenly introduced into national politics. With the entrance of Mr. GLADSTONE into power in [illegible] there commenced an era of domestic reform hardly paralleled in English history. The strength of aristocratic prejudice, of vested interests, and of firmly-rooted political traditions in Liberals of the Whig school as well as in Conservatives, which had to be overcome before such measures as the Irish Church and Land bills could have passed into law, fairly entitle the man who carried them through to the distinction of being a great statesman. Mr. GLADSTONE went into power rather more than two years ago, with a very great programme to work out, but having a degree of public support at his back such as no Minister has enjoyed during the present century. His task has been partly performed, but the proofs that he has not conciliated Ireland are to be seen plainly enough every day. Is it not still the cry that "Ireland is in chains!" Does the arrival of ROSSA and his friends look much like the permanent pacification of Ireland? Moreover, these are not ordinary times, and with the opening of a class of questions essentially different from those on which the Ministry was called into power, popular confidence in Mr. GLADSTONE shows some signs of waning, and the hitherto unbroken ranks of the Liberal majority are beginning to be divided into opposing sections, and to show evidence of the existence of deep-seated discontent.

M. CHEVALIER hardly overstates the new necessities that have been forced upon England when he says, "she must maintain permanently at home 350,000 to 400,000 trained soldiers, for Prussia has 1,200,000; she must throw up new fortifications around her arsenals, have intrenched camps and impregnable forts to protect her capital, and must remodel her fleet." Hence, he concludes that the Chancellor of the Exchequer, instead of presenting a diminished budget for 1871, must decide the problem "how to prevent a budget of sixty and odd millions from growing into one exceeding a hundred millions."

It is hardly too much to say that a large portion of the British people have serious apprehensions as to the capability of the Gladstone Ministry for facing problems of such a nature as these. The late "shuffle" of positions which followed the retirement of Mr. BRIGHT has not improved the public confidence on this subject. The Cabinet, which had been temporarily enlarged to sixteen members, to admit the Radical President of the Board of Trade, closed its ranks again on his retirement, leaving the advanced Liberals without a fair representation in the highest deliberative body in the State. Mr. CHICHESTER FORTESCUE was brought from the Chief Secretaryship of Ireland to preside at the Board of Trade; Lord HARTINGTON was sent from the Post-office to Ireland, and an Irish and Roman Catholic member of the House was put in as Postmaster-General. The Minister of War, Mr. CARDWELL, remained undistributed, though there has been an ominous unanimity of opinion lately, among both Liberal and Opposition journals, that the work to be done in putting the country in a position of defence cannot adequately be done under his supervision. In a late speech, Mr. CARDWELL informed his critics that he had just succeeded in recruiting twenty thousand men to bring the little army of England up to its previous standard. The country, finding but cold comfort in such an announcement, seems likely to demand, at no distant day, something much more comprehensive than this, or, as an English journal puts it, "ministerial changes, not stopping at the War Office, will become inevitable."

The Young Men's Christian Association.

In the nature of things, New-York, the commercial metropolis of the Western Continent, and therefore the school of our coming men, is entitled to have the best appliances for educating the thousands of young men who are hereafter to assume control of American commerce, and whose career is to symbolize American character.

To take by the hand the youth coming to this City, ignorant of its dangers, and unused to its peculiar temptations, and with tact and kindness to lead him into good associations, and keep him under true, manly, Christian influences, is the province of the Young Men's Christian Association of New-York. The Society's crowning successes have, perhaps, been compressed into the last few years; but its victories have, in every year of its existence, been fully proportioned to the means placed at its command. That it has accomplished more latterly than in former years, is because it has met a larger measure of appreciation, and appealed more forcibly to the common sense of all our citizens for support as a necessary benevolent institution.

A signal example of what a Young Men's Christian Association can endure and accomplish is furnished by the eighteen years' struggle of the New-York Association. From its birth, in the lecture-room of the Mercer-street Presbyterian Church, in the Spring of 1852, those who have watched its every step need to mourn over no retrogression, no compromise with evil, no timidity in times of trial. Clouds and darkness have, at times, obscured the prospect of its future; storms have beaten upon it and within it; dissolution and even bankruptcy have more than once knocked loudly at its doors; but there have always been a few whose fidelity never failed, whose affection knew no weariness, and whose interest in the Association and its mission was evinced most fully when needed most. To these young men, of single aim and set purpose, adversity brought no despair; when others were content that the Association should fall, they have stood firmly at the helm and steered right onward. It is due to such earnest and persistent workers that the Society has lived to see the day of its present prosperity, when its [illegible] and judgment of some of our [illegible] capitalists, so to make them cheerful partners with wealthy Christian men in the establishment of the New-York Association upon its present firm foundation.

The Society, in the prosecution of a needed and noble work, is fortunate in having abundant appliances. Its magnificent building in Twenty-third-street, which, with the accompanying lot, has cost nearly half a million dollars, was the free gift of our moneyed men. Two hundred thousand individual subjects of this humanizing and Christianizing work crowd the streets, the stores, and the boarding-houses of the City of New-York. Strangers, many of them, homeless and friendless, who look to find them a home and friends, who point them onward and upward, if not the Christian Association? To what centre of moral, social and intellectual attraction can they turn, if the doors of such a society are not open to welcome them?

[illegible] receptions, and concerts have been [illegible], either gratuitously or at a merely nominal charge, are of themselves a moral machinery of vast power, independently of any of the religious features of the institution; and, as there is nothing compulsory about these latter, there need be no special fear, on the part of any who become members, that their principles will be tampered with, whether they will it or not.

New-York has some reason to be proud of her Christian Association, for, in its recess, at the urgent suggestion of a member, was held the convention out of which grew the United States Christian Commission. Moreover, individual members of the Society were among the first religious workers in the army, and one of its committees originated practically the very plans subsequently acted upon by the Christian Commission. It has been claimed, too, that the system of union prayer-meetings of all the denominations grew out of the Christian Association movement.

But the feature, after all, which gives the Association its hold upon public confidence is the manner by which it makes itself felt as a care-taker of our young men. And so far as it succeeds in rescuing this important class from danger, in educating them to self-respect and honorable conduct, and thus giving to New-York a coming generation of high-toned merchants and honest rulers, every one will recognize a useful work well done.

The eighteenth anniversary of the Association, which took place last evening, as reported elsewhere, may have perhaps partaken too much of the mutual admiration character; but it must be admitted that young men who have aimed so high and succeeded so well, have the right to congratulate themselves upon their triumphs. It only remains for them to make each recurring anniversary a record of progress in the good work they have undertaken to perform.

Heving Against Heve.

M. GAMBETTA's speeches at Lille on Saturday and Sunday last will doubtless elicit from a host of complacent critics, outside of France, such expressions as "brainless enthusiast," "demagogue" and "charlatan." Chimerical as we believe to be his dream of the final triumph of the French arms, and suicidal as we consider his doctrine of an eternal war being preferable to the surrender of any territory, it would be the shallowest kind of criticism to imagine that we have satisfactorily disposed of the man who is at present the "very head and front" of French resistance, by bestowing on him a few contemptuous epithets. To people regarding the struggle from a safe distance it is exceedingly difficult to understand the feelings which at present animate the people of France. And this difficulty exists not so much because we do not keep in mind the vitality of the sentiment of national honor among all but the lowest class of Frenchmen, but because we are constantly forgetting that the data by which we judge of the progress of the contest are far more complete and convincing than anything to which a citizen of France can possibly have access. At this moment, the inhabitants of Lille, for example, are probably hearing for the first time the sound of Prussian cannon. Standing face to face with an imminent siege, they begin to realize the horrors of a struggle against foes, which they have already but partially felt in the prostration of trade and the dearness of provisions. But they cannot possibly know that Paris begins to show signs of internal dissension, that BOURBAKI is being hopelessly hemmed in away in the Vosges, that CHANZY is being slowly but surely driven among the mountains of Brittany, beyond the possibility of extrication, and that the still untouched provinces of the South are mustering no great host that shall break through two armies and raise the siege of the capital. Hence Lille thrills with patriotic enthusiasm when called on to bear her share in the common danger, and hurls defiance at the invincible foe that is rudely knocking at her gates. Take any other section or city of France, and, with necessary exceptions, the same thing may be said of them. They know little beyond the danger that is nearest to them, and because they have no means of fully ascertaining how hopeless all organized resistance is being proved to be all over France, they count submission as baseness, and the talk of peace as concealed treachery. The very perfection with which the Prussians have isolated France into half a dozen separate sections helps to defeat the object of the campaign by keeping hope alive when success is past hoping for.

It may be said that M. GAMBETTA and his associates in the Provisional Government have at least tolerably complete information as to the course of events throughout France. While this is true enough, it must also be remembered that they know better than anybody else how much unexpended energy there is still existing among their countrymen. Were every man capable of bearing arms in the country to rally to the [illegible] of the Republic, they could still [illegible] three Frenchmen to every single German at present on the soil. Every disinterested observer knows that even then the odds would be on the side of the invaders, and it is impossible to deny that the head of the Provisional Government would do well of his country by frankly recognizing the fact. Yet, remembering his position as a mere representative of the people, and as the custodian of everything that France holds dear, in a moment of suspense we can easily understand how he may hesitate between two vast responsibilities, and maintain a hopeful tone and unswerving determination to the very last. History will doubtless condemn his stubborn refusal to accept the inevitable, but history cannot fail to concede that his madness was not obstinate without success.

Registration of Voters.

Willing to wound, the Democrats in the Legislature may yet be afraid to strike, from anxiety to impair the operation of the Federal Election law by abrogating the local registration of voters, was made manifest at the opening of the session. The bill repealing the Registry law was one of the first measures introduced, and its passage forms one of the cherished purposes of the Tammany managers. But there are certain prudential considerations which they are sharp enough to see. The destruction of the scanty protection now afforded the honest voter will not hinder Congress from providing something more efficient. The General Election law furnishes certain guarantees, and the authority which enacted it may, if the need arise, supplement it with other measures for preventing frauds at the ballot-box. A good Registry law would go far toward securing this end—and if the Legislature will not allow us to have it, Congress will no doubt give what is wanted.

The bill now before the Senate Judiciary Committee, "to prescribe the manner of holding elections for President, Vice-President and Representatives in Congress," indicates the nature of the help which may be invoked. It authorizes United States Marshals to appoint Commissioners of Registration, "to register all the legal and qualified voters in their several districts, counties and precincts, and to hold elections as now provided by law for Presidential electors and for members of the House of Representatives." Where, under State law, Boards of Registration already exist, the Commissioners appointed by the Marshals are empowered to act in conjunction with the local Boards, and to exercise supervision over the lists of registered voters as prepared. The employment of Deputy Marshals is mentioned, as under the new Election law, their duty, however, being so far extended as to embrace checks upon the returns, which we take to be an effective means of preventing the fraudulent counting which at the last election formed one of the reserved rights of the Tammany agents.

The latter provisions are called for to perfect the Election law, and their enactment will be another guarantee of the fairness at the polls, as against the frauds and tricks of the Democrats. With Mr. KELLOGG's bill in prospect, we think it probable that the majority of the Legislature will not venture to tamper with the Registry law. They will, in due time, find out that whether Tammany consents or not, legal voters will be enabled to control the ballot-box so far as Federal elections are concerned. Practically the control will go much further, since Tammany cannot set up a registration of its own for local elections held simultaneously with the Federal elections, without losing much more than it can hope to gain.

MINOR TOPICS.

The Republican Press everywhere condemns the insolent propositions of TWEED to pardon SWEENY, CONNOLLY and Mayor HALL the day they quit power of the State. We give in another column articles from the Albany Evening Journal and the Troy Whig, which may be taken as fair examples of the rest. The Republicans are everywhere agreed upon the subject—and yet that amazing old gentleman, PETER COOPER, allows himself to be tricked by NATHANIEL SANDS into signing an appeal to Republicans to support TWEED's proposition. SANDS knows perfectly well what he is about, but his finger must be approaching very near to second childhood, or he would not be entrapped into endorsing a scheme designed by the greatest rascals in the community for securing a long lease of power. How many people would like to trust their private property to CONNOLLY and his friends? Who would think it prudent to give them the sole power of levying and spending taxes? Surely no one but a paid ally of the "Ring," and a "foolish, fond old man," who is determined to devote the closing years of his life to the work of injuring his fellow-citizens, and destroying his own reputation. The "Citizens' Association" is now nothing but a mouth-piece of TWEED and SWEENY, and its power of doing either good or harm will happily soon perish under the weight of public opinion.

That the *Herald* is anxious to take a "hand in" with the TIMES, in the fight against TWEED, SWEENY & Co., is one sign that it realizes the rapid growth of public sentiment on the subject. While the *Herald* was doing its utmost to secure the election of TWEED's parasites last November, we were fighting pretty hard to insure their defeat. Money and cheating together were too strong for us then, but we shall conquer some day—time is on our side. In the meantime, the public are beginning to understand the truth about the rascals who rule them, and the *Herald* sees it, and consequently it is now writing as if it alone was attacking the Ring, and the TIMES was supporting it. This is a little "too thin," one would suppose, to deceive even Pat the hack-driver, and Biddy the cook, whose views on current affairs are chiefly derived from our ingenious and volatile contemporary. We want an election to bring the *Herald* round again. Then we should find it crying out "Hi! hi!" after the manner of its readers, for TWEED and all his crew, and only going against them when it could do them no harm, and the public no good. No, no, friend *Herald*! Stick to those stories about the Prince of WALES walking into a Cabinet council and cuffing the Prince Minister's ears, and about Mr. GLADSTONE "retiring Mr. Secretary at War CARDWELL, and repeating his plan of patronage, agitation and hope at House Guards." We do not know what all this means, but it formed part of an astounding

...or editorial in yesterday's *Herald*—and it is doubtless the best of cling which Pat and Paddy like, and which does not offend TWEED, who, instead, is ignorant enough himself to believe every word of it.

Mr. GLADSTONE is one of those men who know very well until people get close to him and then it is found that he will not go safely through any test which tries great statesmen. He has no nerve, vigor, or tact to face a great crisis. He is utterly destitute of the art of managing men, and when he tries to do good he succeeds only in doing harm. His bungling manner of pardoning O'DONOVAN ROSSA and the other Fenians is a recent illustration of this. Why did he not pardon them outright while he was about it? We should have been pretty sure to have had them over here in any case. Another evidence of Mr. GLADSTONE'S ill success in dealing with men is his constant rejection by his constituents. Oxford threw him out as unworthy of confidence, and, at the last elections, South Lancashire cast him forth "like a homeless beggar," as Mr. GLADSTONE himself described it. Then Greenwich took him up, out of charity. But even the town of whitebait, shrimps, and wooden-headed gentlemen could not stand him very long. She, too, has requested him to resign. Here, then, is the "greatest statesman of the age" without a friend to call his own. Perhaps the people of England will begin to ask themselves, by and by, whether a man who mismanages everything, as he has done this business of pardoning the Fenians, is quite the proper person to place at the head of their affairs in dangerous times like these.

The ideas of fair play which people have who patronize match-games were illustrated on Saturday evening, at a billiard-match, as reported in these columns. One of the players, GARNIER, fell a little behind, and was thereupon persecuted throughout the evening by the friends of the other player, RUDOLPHE. Did the chivalrous RUDOLPHE appeal to his supporters for fair play on behalf of his antagonist? Quite the contrary. Says our reporter, "the jeers with which GARNIER's failures were hailed by RUDOLPHE's partisans from the next corner 'were not calculated to encourage a man of his nervous temperament.' Of course, RUDOLPHE got the best of the match. This is the way in which games pursued as a profession develop the "manly qualities."

Count BISMARCK exhibits a touch of his accustomed cynicism in his refusal of a safe conduct to JULES FAVRE to permit his joining the London Conference. It is not a little difficult to understand how Prussia, having once assented to the representation of France at the forthcoming assembly of diplomats, did not consider the granting of a permission to allow M. FAVRE to pass through her military lines to follow as a matter of course. It seems an exceedingly insufficient reason for departing from so obvious an obligation to allege that the Provisional Government has put a wrong construction upon the Prussian concession. It is rather unworthy of the spokesman of a great nation like Germany to descend to quibbling about the effect of an assumption that at the proper time and place could easily have been contradicted. The further reminder that M. FAVRE might be better employed at home, should, if it were to be stated at all, have been stated before. As now made, it too closely resembles a gratuitous insult to render the republican leaders of France any more desirous to open negotiations with the German Chancellor upon the vital topics to which he adverts.

Congress is going heavily into the life insurance business. Bills are before it sanctioning the incorporation of two companies, whose head quarters are to be in Washington, but whose business may extend all over the Union. Now, the District of Columbia is as well provided with facilities for life insurance as the City of New-York; the trouble is, not that its citizens have too few invitations to insure their lives, but that they have too many. The location of the projected companies at Washington is, therefore, a mere blind. Their intended field of operations is clear. As the General Government makes no provision for protecting the public against mismanagement in insurance companies, and as companies organized at Washington will have the sanctuary before them, with no adequate supervision outside of two or three States, it is evident that much mischief may result from the operations of institutions national in name, but burdened with no effective national control. We think that Congress had better not meddle any more with life insurance.

The removal of the great raft on Upper Red River has figured almost from time immemorial in appropriations for internal improvement. It is now made a pretext for "grabbing" public lands. The attempt is made, too, in a manner which shows that its authors are somewhat ashamed of the job. A bill to incorporate the Shreveport and Upper Red River Navigation Company at first sight looks innocent enough. Certain Southern gentlemen are by this measure incorporated as a joint stock company for the purpose of removing the raft and keeping the river channel open for navigation, and are authorized to reimburse themselves by the exaction of tolls on all freight passing through it. So far, well. But snugly concealed in a heap of verbiage is a clause granting to the Company alternate sections of land to be reclaimed by the projected enterprise! The door is thus opened wide to the land-stealers. It should be closed before the bill is allowed to pass.

An Impecunious Individual Buys a Steam-boat.

From the Boston Journal, Jan. 23.

About Christmas last a man, giving the name of GEORGE SHIVERICK, began negotiations with Mr. GEORGE SHIVERICK, agent in this city of the Full River line of steamers, for the purchase of the well-known steamer *Fall River*, for which he finally offered $40,000. The offer was accepted by Mr. SIMONS, managing director in New-York, and SHAW went to that City on a free pass to see him. He failed to negotiate with SIMONS, but did so with JAMES FISK, Jr. He then made arrangements for the return of the steamer to Boston and returned to this City and informed Mr. SHIVERICK that he had bought it, and that he had a certified check of $40,000 ready. Mr. CURTIS, the builder of the steamer, made an estimate of the expense of the needed repairs; the necessary papers were made out by Judge ABBOTT, who went to New-York for that purpose, and it was understood that the trade would be consummated the day after Christmas. SHAW, however, obtained further delay to obtain evidence from the Collector at Newport that there were no claims against the vessel, and on the following Wednesday came into Mr. SHIVERICK'S office and said he was going to New-York, and left. He returned soon afterward, however, and said he had just received a telegram from Gen. BUTLER, and would have to go to Lowell. From that time until noon Saturday he had not been seen in Boston, when he was arrested by Special Officer DRAKNOW and brought into the Chief's office. He was allowed, however, to depart, having committed no overt act, and there being no statute under which he could be held. By his representations he succeeded in deceiving Mr. FISK, and caused the Company with which Mr. SHIVERICK is connected to incur an expense of some $600 for legal fees, traveling expenses, &c. It is stated that SHAW is a man without means, and has attempted a transaction of a similar character in another city.

AMUSEMENTS.

General Notes.

THE HOLLAND TESTIMONIAL TO-MORROW NIGHT.

The performance of the "Lady of Lyons" at the French Theatre on Wednesday night is clearly destined to be a memorable one. Mr. FECHTER made a deep impression here by his original performances of *Claude Melnotte*, and there is wide curiosity to witness its repetition; and happily Miss LE CLERCQ, who has also volunteered her aid for the Holland Fund, has so far recovered from her late illness as to be able to act *Pauline*. But even this does not complete the proof of the propitiousness of fortune which has been so signally illustrated through the whole of this charitable undertaking. There was some difficulty about securing a suitable representative of the important character of *Col. Dewey*; and Mr. MARK SMITH, having made an uncommonly swift passage across the Atlantic, has opportunely presented himself, and, as everyone would expect who knows him, given his help to the good work. The other characters will have inside from artists of rank, who all do their parts without money and without price, and Messrs. WHERLEIGH & SNYDER, the lessees of the theatre, generously give it on the same terms. We repeat, the performance of Wednesday will be a memorable one, and it is certain, apart from its artistic excellence and merciful purpose, to gather one of the most brilliantly fashionable, as well as one of the most numerous audiences ever seen in a New-York theatre. In answer to many inquiries, we have to say that the full receipts from the Holland benefits will be made public in due time. The performances at the French Theatre on Wednesday night and at the Grand Opera-house on Saturday, will, it is understood, end the series. Mr. CHENEY, of Boston, is to give an entertainment, the receipts of which will swell the sum in the hands of the Committee. The precise disposition to be made of the fund will likewise be announced, and it is hoped, felt to be judicious.

MRS. MACREADY'S RECITATIONS.

The storm which raged last night prevented a great many persons from attending an excellent entertainment. We refer to that given at Lyric Hall by Mrs. MACREADY, and, happily, the first only of a series. Mrs. MACREADY is, with a single illustrious exception, the most impressive of female reciters. She is to the numerous ladies with pretensions to elocutionary eminence as Mr. VANDENHOFF is to the still larger force of gentlemen with kindred claims. Like that artist, in fact, the vigor and variety of her vocal delivery and gesture betray a close acquaintance with the theatre. Hence the sympathetic character and the powerful effect of her efforts. A miscellaneous programme, with a wide range of subjects, was interpreted by Mrs. MACREADY, last night, and while full justice was done to the lighter selections, the fifth and seventh scenes in the first act, and the second scene in the fifth act of "Macbeth" were acted with such remarkable skill as to leave no doubt as to the direction the lady's labors ought to take. Mrs. MACREADY'S next recitation will occur at the same place on Monday next, but we learn that it is intended that she shall appear at a City theatre at no distant day. Since Mrs. FANNY KEMBLE has been heard, no lady reciter has afforded equally good proofs of the presence of an actress of genius and culture in the lecture-room.

MRS. DE KROYFT'S LECTURE.

We have had in Mr. MILBURN a blind lecturer of the sterner sex, but a lady similarly afflicted in the same field is a novelty that should attract sympathy as well as attention. Mrs. S. H. DE KROYFT is to lecture, on Wednesday evening next, Jan. 25, at Steinway Hall, on "The Soul of Eve." Mrs. DE KROYFT has long been a sufferer from blindness, we are told, but has, notwithstanding, been a cheerful and laborious worker. She has performed several creditable literary tasks, including the production of several volumes, one of which, *A Place in Thy Memory*, is said to have a large circulation in congenial circles. Mrs. DE KROYFT has been the victim, through Providential dispensation, of heavy misfortune. She became in one short month, a wife, a widow and blind. Sorely chastened and subdued, yet not crushed in spirit, the unfortunate lady then undertook to maintain herself by her own exertions. Her forthcoming lecture is said to treat of the occult subject of the origin of the human soul, and, by those who profess to be familiar with the intellectual qualities of Mrs. DE KROYFT, we are assured that "The Soul of Eve" will be found a masterly and interesting discussion of a profound and universally momentous theme.

OPERA AT THE UNION LEAGUE CLUB.

Signor ANTONIO BARILI, we are told, has a number of clever pupils ambitious to appear in opera. Among the number are some of whom Signor BARILI, whose fame as a professor and teacher is wide and firmly established, is proud, and of whose future he has high hopes. He is, therefore, we learn, organizing a society for the promotion of lyric art, which has, among other purposes, that of giving some operas in finished style at the Theatre of the Union League Club. The first of these will be sung before long with full chorus and band, and under fashionable and influential auspices. Signor BARILI deserves success in his undertaking, and we doubt not he will attain it. We are informed, *apropos*, that Miss INNEGEN, a promising pupil of Prof. ETTORE BARILI's, will also soon appear on the operatic stage.

PROF. RISLEY'S BENEFIT.

Prof. RISLEY, who has not been very fortunate of late in his speculations, is to have a benefit next Saturday night, we believe, at the Academy of Music. Prof. RISLEY has been identified with many entertainments that have been gratifying to the public, and was the originator, indeed, of some types of athletic exhibition that grew to be quite popular. Several of the City managers have taken an interest, it is said, in the Professor's benefit, and there are good reasons for wishing prosperity to it. The well-known skill of the beneficiary in catering for the popular taste, gives assurance that the programme of the occasion will be made an attractive one.

MISS LAURA KEENE.

Miss LAURA KEENE and Miss LINA EDWIN have wisely settled their differences, and the former lady is to act at the theatre of the latter, beginning on Wednesday night. Miss KEENE, who, by the way, has sent $20 to the Holland Testimonial Committee, will signalize her return to the stage of the Metropolis by appearing in a drama of Mr. BOUCICAULT'S, called "Hunted Down." Miss KEENE'S talents have always been highly appreciated in New-York, and we have no doubt that she will be warmly welcomed.

MR. MCKEAN BUCHANAN.

We are sorry to hear that Mr. MCKEAN BUCHANAN has had a stroke of paralysis. The event occurred on Saturday night, in Norfolk, Va. No tidings have reached us of the consequences. We trust, however, they will not be permanent or serious. Mr. BUCHANAN is a worthy gentleman, and there will be many to regret it sincerely if grave misfortune overtakes him.

An Aged Citizen of Richmond Burned to Death.

From the Richmond Dispatch, Jan. 21.

Mr. WM. BARRETT, an aged and highly respected citizen of Richmond, died at his residence, yesterday, under most distressing circumstances. It was about 11 o'clock; he had just finished breakfast. The colored man servant, WILSON, went to another part of the chamber to put away the dishes, and Mr. BARRETT took a piece of paper and went to the grate to light his pipe. WILSON, turning round a moment after, saw the old gentleman standing before the fire, with the hem of his dressing-wrapper on fire. He was trying in a feeble way to smother the blaze, but almost instantaneously he was enveloped in flames. The servant, himself almost infirm, stood for a moment panic struck, and then dragged his master out of the room into the passage.

He then ran back to get a blanket, which he threw over him, but by this time nearly all the clothes upon his body had been burned, and he was not only scorched all over, but had inhaled the flames. Drs. CUNNINGHAM and MAHX were called in as soon as possible, and rendered all the aid that humanity or a regard dictate, but

WASHINGTON.

Examination of the Alabama Claims—Legislation of Black in the New-York Senate for a Repeal of the Fifteenth—Amendment of the Metropolitan Police Law—Distinguished Service Rewards—Treasures of Paris.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Jan. 24, 1871.

Foreign Affairs in the House will meet to-morrow morning, for the especial purpose of considering the subject of putting the Alabama claims in shape for settlement. The proposition before the Committee most likely to receive its sanction is a bill to appoint a commission to take testimony for the purpose of determining the amount of the claims. The proposition that the Government shall assume the claims does not command sufficient strength to meet the approval of the majority of the Committee. It is proposed to provide in the bill authorizing a commission that the British Government shall have the privilege of appearing, if it shall choose to do so. The Committee will be ready to report this week.

NEW SENATORS.

Hon. JOHN A. LOGAN and Hon. THOS. W. FERRY, the newly-elected Senators from Illinois and Michigan, appeared in their seats in the House this morning, and received the congratulations of many friends.

RANK OF NAVAL OFFICERS.

The Naval Committee's bill regulating the rank of the naval staff corps, met with unexpected success in the House today, the rules being suspended without a division, by a two-thirds vote to receive it, and it being passed likewise without a call for a division. The discussion was confined to Gen. STEVENS, who reported the bill, and Mr. ARCHER, of the Committee, who advocated it briefly, and Mr. SCHOFIELD, Chairman of the Committee, who opposed it in a well-tempered and considerate speech. There was a large attendance of naval staff officers in the House galleries, who were surprised and gratified at the unexpected strength of the measure. It had been so thoroughly canvassed during the past two years that it was pretty thoroughly understood.

POLITICAL FEELING IN NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

Ex-Gov. HARRIMAN, of New-Hampshire, is in the city. He reports the political feeling in his State one of substantial confidence in and satisfaction with the Administration, such as to insure the usual Republican majority at the election in March next.

THE WASHINGTON AND NEW-YORK RAILROAD.

The Air Line Railroad bill, Washington and New-York, occupied the morning hour in the House today, to the exclusion of all other business. Its opponents succeeded in throwing it over for another week by a system of filibustering tactics, which increases rather than decreases the sentiment in favor of the bill.

REPEAL OF THE INCOME TAX.

The Ways and Means Committee have not yet considered the House resolution instructing them to inquire into the expediency of a repeal of the income tax, but it has been developed beyond question that a majority of the Committee favors repeal. This majority will certainly be one, and may be two or even three. Judge ORTH, of Indiana, who has in times past voted to sustain this tax, now unhesitatingly announces that he is convinced that it is inexpedient and unjust to retain it longer. The sentiment for repeal in the House grows stronger every day. To-morrow the repeal of the income tax is the special order in the Senate, and Senator SHERMAN will urge the continuance of the tax. The increase in the pension fund called for by the bill passed today, will be used by him as one argument against repeal.

NEW SENATOR FROM MINNESOTA.

In the Senate, this morning, Mr. RAMSEY presented the credentials of O. P. STEARNS, as Senator from Minnesota, to fill the unexpired term of Mr. NORTON, deceased, and Mr. STEARNS took the oath of office. He takes the seat of Mr. WINDOM, appointed by the Governor of Minnesota before the meeting of the Legislature, and who has been elected to the full term beginning March 4 next. By the death of Mr. NORTON, the appointment of Mr. WINDOM, and the election of Mr. STEARNS, the State will have been represented by three different Senators for one senatorial term in the same Congress. The resignation of Judge DRAKE, the appointment of Mr. JEWETT, and the election of Gen. BLAIR, from Missouri, is the second instance of the kind in this Congress.

MR. SUMNER IN BAD COMPANY.

Contrary to the pretty little programme laid down by one of your contemporaries this morning, Mr. SUMNER has been caught in question able political company. As requested by the Legislature of Indiana, he presented in the Senate its resolutions, instructing the Senators from that State to oppose the annexation of San Domingo. Mr. MORTON also departed from the course marked out so minutely by the same authority referred to above, and simply asked that the resolutions lie on the table, with the statement that they were passed by the Democratic majority of the Legislature.

THE ENFORCEMENT ACT.

The House Judiciary Committee, today, agreed to report the bill introduced by Judge CHURCHILL some weeks since amendatory of the act of May 31, 1870, known as the Enforcement act, which secures the right of citizens of the United States to vote in the several States of the Union. This matter is of special interest to New-York.

MEMBERS FROM GEORGIA.

The fifth member who has appeared from Georgia, Mr. W. W. PAINE, Democrat, was sworn in today on a modified oath. The credentials of the member from the Third District are here in the hands of COBURN, Democratic member elect, but have not yet been presented. As notice of contest has been filed by Mr. BEARD, the colored Republican candidate in the Second District of Georgia, the certificate has not yet been awarded. There will probably be three contests from that State.

WAR CLAIMS OF LOYAL SOUTHERNERS.

A well-nigh successful effort was made in the House today to extend the jurisdiction of the Court of Claims to the loyal war claimants of the States lately in rebellion. It required two-thirds to suspend the rules, and the vote stood 126 to 67. The effect of the success of such a measure would have been to repeal the carefully-considered provision in the Legislative Appropriation bill of last session, by which the jurisdiction of the Court in such matters was limited. There are many millions of such claims ready to overwhelm the Court as soon as the barriers are removed.

AN ATTACK FROM HOMEOPATHIC DOCTORS.

A petition of homeopathic physicians has been forwarded to the President, asking for the removal of the Commissioner of Pensions, VAN AERNAM. This hostility to the Commissioner arises from his action making physicians practising the homeopathic system of medicine ineligible as examining surgeons of the office. This is a matter entirely within the control of the Commissioner, and his order cannot be overruled by the head of the Department. There is no reason to expect the object of the petition will be gained, but it is certain Mr. VAN AERNAM'S stab at the industrious dosing disciples of Esculapius pacts with little sympathy.

CLAIMS OF THE LABOR CONVENTION.

Another memorial from the National Labor Convention was presented today by Senator PRATT. This time they give in their adhesion to Representative HOAR'S national education scheme, and ask that it, or a system similar to it, be established.

A PISCATORIAL SOCIETY.

Mr. REVELS today offered a bill in the Senate incorporating the Grand Tabernacle of the Galilean Fishermen. The bill was among the first the reporters examined in the Secretary's office, but anticipations awakened by the name of the society to be incorporated were not realized.

CIVIL SERVICE REFORM.

The Senate resumed the discussion of civil service reform soon after 1 o'clock. Mr. MORTON had read by the Secretary communications from the heads of the Executive Departments in answer to inquiries he had addressed them. The clerical service of the Departments, according to these communications, is wonderfully efficient. Mr. TRUMBULL objected that the evidence was not presented, and read from the report of Mr. JOHNSON'S special House Committee, made in 1867, to show what disinterested persons had said about the civil service. The results of recent efforts for political change in the New-York Custom-house were mentioned as the centre of the controversy, and Mr. CONKLING denied their truthfulness. Mr. TRUMBULL intimated that Mr. FARNSWORTH, who had been investigating the New-York Custom-house as a member of the Committee on Retrenchment, might have some information to give on that point, which may be taken to mean that he favors reform in the service, and has not forgotten the New-York to his satisfaction. It is understood, rumored, that his speech will make an opportunity he makes it today. That he intended promises to go on for some time, and, as suggested was the intention Mr. TRUMBULL subsequently intimated at outset, he must be tolerably content.

INCREASE OF PENSIONS.

Mr. EDMUNDS reported from the Committee on Pensions, today, a bill the provisions of which increase pensions to the pensions growing out of the late war. The report was based on a view, shown to the satisfaction of the Committee, that there is a large amount of deserving pensioners, which, the country being called upon, ought to the extent of its ability to be relieved. The Committee have fixed the rates of increase between the minimum and the maximum, so that the pension of a private who has lost a leg shall be increased from $8 to $12 per month, and that of a private who has lost both legs from $30 to $40 per month. The Committee have also fixed the rates of increase for the intermediate grades of disability, and have made provision for the dependents of those who have died since the close of the war.

NEW SENATORS.

The Postmaster-General and Mrs. CRESWELL gave their first reception of the season to-night. The attendance was not only full but very distinguished, while there were many marvels in richness and taste among the toilets of the ladies. Mrs. CRESWELL was assisted in receiving by her sister, Miss MCINTIRE. The Postmaster-General occupies one of the best-arranged houses in the city for entertaining, affording ample room for dancing as well as conversation. Refreshments of the most delicious character were served in great abundance.

AMERICAN COLONIZATION SOCIETY.

The American Colonization Society held its fifty-fourth anniversary in Washington, the 17th inst., President LATROBE in the chair. Prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. NEWMAN, Chaplain of the Senate. Abstracts of the annual report were read by WM. COFFINBERY, Corresponding Secretary; after which, eloquent addresses were delivered by Rev. Dr. HASKIN, of this city; Rev. Dr. CRAVEN, and Rev. Dr. JOHN MACLEAN, of New-Jersey. About 800 emigrants have applied for a passage to Liberia since the 18th inst.

Dispatch to the Associated Press.

SOUTHERN OUTRAGES.

The Special Committee on alleged outrages in the Southern States will commence its investigation to-morrow. Several witnesses from North Carolina, including a son of Ex-Gov. HOLDEN, who was Speaker of the former House of Representatives in that State, were summoned today.

NEW BONDS.

The plates for the bonds authorized under the recent Funding act of Congress are in part prepared for printing. Proof impressions only have thus far been taken. In a few days the Treasury Department will be ready to supply all demands.

INSOLVENT AND ABSCONDING TAX-PAYERS.

The Commissioner of Internal Revenue, in a letter to the Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, states that since the passage of the various laws authorizing the Commissioner to abate taxes, about $10,000,000 have been abated in consequence of the insolvency or absconding of parties assessed, and that but a small percentage of these taxes has been collected after the abatement. He believes that if the Collectors of Internal Revenue were allowed a special percentage to examine and collect taxes so abated, a large percentage of the same would now be collected, in consequence of parties against whom the taxes were assessed having since become solvent. He recommends the passage of an act authorizing the allowance of commissions, not to exceed twenty-five per cent., for that purpose.

ARCTIC EXPLORATION.

Capt. HALL arrived here today to make further arrangements for his expedition, and has secured the *Periwinkle*, formerly a tug-boat, to be fitted for steam as well as sailing purposes. He will leave in May.

MISS REAMS' LINCOLN.

The programme for the unveiling of Miss REAM'S statue of LINCOLN, in the rotunda of the Capitol, on Wednesday evening, has been completed. Addresses will be delivered by Senators TRUMBULL and CARPENTER, and Representatives BANKS, BROOKS, of New-York, and CULLOM.

NEW NATIONAL BANK NOTES.

The Committee on Banking and Currency, through a subcommittee consisting of Messrs. COX, BURCHARD and COBURN, have been in communication with the Secretary of the Treasury, with the view of ascertaining whether the estimate of $250,000 for reprinting from new plates the twenty and ten dollar notes of National Banks cannot be reduced. There is no doubt the Committee will report a bill for that purpose, owing to the circulation of well-executed counterfeits of these denominations.

MEXICAN CLAIMS.

In the United States and Mexican Commission, today, in the case of THOMAS DEVINE vs. Mexico, Commissioner PALACIO announced the opinion of the Commissioners awarding the claimant $4,000 in American gold coin, with interest at six per cent from 16th of May, 1854.

In the case of MARY B. SHECOUNT vs. Mexico, Commissioner WADSWORTH announced the opinion of the Commissioners, rejecting this claim for want of jurisdiction.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS.

It appears from the report of the Librarian of Congress that the library contains a total of 197,669 bound volumes, besides about 20,000 pamphlets. The operation of the new Copyright law has increased the library during the past year to an unusually large number, viz.: Books, 574; pamphlets and periodicals, 3,140; musical compositions, 2,891; engravings, photographs and chromos, 1,175; prints, 1,495; maps and charts, 146; total, 11,512. Upward of 5,000 copyrights have been recorded in the Librarian's Office during less than six months.

NOMINATIONS.

The following nominations were sent to the Senate to-day:

Reuben Ellwood, to be Assessor of Internal Revenue for the Second District of Illinois; G. A. Pattison, to be Assessor of Internal Revenue for the Fourth District of California; J. E. Mason, to be Surveyor of Customs at Key West, Fla.; Thomas C. Ward, to be Collector of Customs at Waldoborough, Me.; J. S. Boxford, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri; Ephraim Browne, to be Consul at Sofia; Leonard Lowe, to be Consul at Singapore; Charles O. Shepherd, to be Consul at Kanagawa; George L. Woods, of Oregon, to be Governor of Utah; Lieutenant-Commander George H. Perkins, U. S. N., to be a Commander; Wm. S. Dixon, to be Assistant Surgeon in the Navy.

Postmasters.—Darius Wells, at Passaic, N. J.; Jas. Howard, at Mount Sterling, Ky.; G. J. Rawlings, at Wheeling, West Va.; Thos. Ward, at Charlottesville, Va.; Henry P. Masser, at Hagerstown, Md.

CONFIRMATIONS.

The Senate, today, confirmed the following nominations:

Joseph Hanscom, as Chief of the Bureau of Construction and Repair in the navy, vice Lenthall, whose term of service has expired, and who has been retired on account of age and length of service; Edward S. Rawson, to be Engineer in the navy; Wm. B. Davis, as Assistant Surgeon in the navy; Ethan Lewis, Wilson K. Pease and Clark Fisher, to be Chief Engineers in the navy; Lieut.-Commanders Rush R. Wallace and Chester Hatfield to be Commanders in the navy; John Pierce, Collector of Customs, Buffalo, N. Y.; John Murphy, of New-York, Consul at Paysandu; Benjamin F. Tracy, Attorney for the Eastern District of New-York; H. Stanton, Superintendent of Indian Affairs for the Territory of Washington; E. J. Rhodes, Receiver of Public Moneys at Hamilton, Ark.; John C. Austin, Receiver of Public Money at Little Rock, Ark.; Thos. Hamilton, at Dardanelle, Ark.; R. J. Monroe, Receiver of Public Money at Lewiston, Montana; Henry Warren, Receiver of Public Moneys, Oregon City, Oregon; Owen Wade, Register of Land Office, Oregon City.

Postmasters.—Horatio N. Stickley, Delhi, N. Y.; J. M. Pinney, Idaho City; Henry C. Marsh, Rundle, Ind.; Sam'l Hopkins, Mooresville, Ind.; Hiram M. Cromwell, Ligonier, Ind.; Allen F. Miller, Galva, Ill.; Norman H. Pease, Kewanee, Ill.; Thomas Corbin, for Arizona.

Indian Agents.—Thos. Miller, for Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians; James M. Miller, Navajo Indians; Charles P. Bowen, in New-Mexico Cimarron Agency; Orlando P. Piper, for Indians in New Mexico; John P. Gridelbow, for Indians in Utah; Samuel D. Webster, for Yanction Sioux Indians, in Dakota Territory; Holly Gregory, for Fancu Indians, in Dakota; J. H. Wadsworth, for Indians in Upper Platte Agency; Henry F. Livingston, for Indians of Upper Wisconsin, Crow Creek Agency; John Hadley, at the Sac and Fox Agency; Hugh Gibson, for Indians at Round Bluff, Dakotah; Chas. Malloy, for Indians at Tub River Agency, Collectors: David H. Lowry, at Hilger Valley Agency, California; F. A. Byrne, at the Creek Agency, Indian Territory, for the Flat-head, and other confederated tribes in Montana Territory; William H. Forbes, for the Sioux Indians at Devil's Lake, Dakota Territory.

COMMERCE AND NAVIGATION.

Monthly Report from the Bureau of Statistics—Western trade to Oct. 31, 1870.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 23.—Monthly Report No. 4 of the Bureau of Statistics, now in press, shows the statistics of our foreign trade for the month ended Oct. 31, 1870, and for the months ended the same, contrasted with the corresponding periods of 1869. The following synopsis has been furnished by Mr. YOUNG, Chief of the Bureau:

Periods.	Imports.	Domestic Exports. Gross Values.	Foreign Exports. Gross Values.
Month ended Oct. 31, 1870	$[illegible]	$[illegible]	$[illegible]
Month ended Oct. 31, 1869	$[illegible]	$[illegible]	$[illegible]
Ten months ended Oct. 31, 1870	$[illegible]	$[illegible]	$[illegible]
Ten months ended Oct. 31, 1869	$[illegible]	$[illegible]	$[illegible]

The proportion of the total foreign commerce carried in American vessels respectively during the ten months ended Oct. 31, 1870, was as follows:

	Imports.	Domestic Exports. Mixed Vals.	Foreign Exports. Mixed Vals.
American vessels	$[illegible]	$[illegible]	$[illegible]
Foreign vessels	$[illegible]	$[illegible]	$[illegible]

The tonnage employed in the foreign trade during the twelve months ended Oct. 31, 1870, were as follows:

	Entered. No.	Entered. Tons.	Cleared. No.	Cleared. Tons.
American vessels	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Foreign vessels	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Total	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Tonnage Months Ended Oct. 31, 1870.

	Entered. No.	Entered. Tons.	Cleared. No.	Cleared. Tons.
American vessels	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Foreign vessels	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Total	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

The Press on Mr. Tweed's New Scheme of Plunder—Common Sense for Peter Cooper and the Citizens' Association.

From the Albany Evening Journal.

If Senator TWEED had proposed to remit the question of local taxation and local expenditures in the City of New-York to the people of that community upon the same rules and principles which prevail elsewhere in the State, there would have been a cogent argument for it. That would remove uniformity to our system. That would transfer local affairs to local constituencies. That would put New-York upon the same footing as Albany and all the other cities of the State. And it would get rid of what is and has been for years an unmitigated nuisance at the capital.

For such a proposition, we say, there might be a strong and logical defense. And it would seem to leave the rich tax-payers of New-York absolutely to the tender mercies of the rapacious thieves who have succeeded in securing all power. It would simply be a punishment which their own stolid indifference to public affairs has invited. It would at least preserve the popular forms. It would leave them the same power of resisting extortionate and villainous exactions which belongs to every community. If they proclaimed their powerlessness against the corrupt, terrorizing and fraudulent agencies combined against them, it might be answered that they had made no determined or earnest effort to shake off this odious rule, and that they have no right to ask the consideration from the State which they have failed to show for themselves.

But Mr. TWEED'S present bill is no such proposition. It is a travesty upon the principle of popular government—a mockery of the doctrine of popular sovereignty. A more flagrant and indefensible violation of both the essence and the forms of popular rule could not well be devised. It concentrates in the hands of four men—Mayor HALL, Controller CONNOLLY, Mr. PETER B. SWEENY and Mr. TWEED himself—absolute and unlimited control over the collection, the distribution and the expenditure of all money raised by taxation. It is the most dangerous of all powers designed for the worst of all Rings. It hasn't even the semblance of respect for the rights of the people. These four proposed Tycoons are, indeed, public officers. But they are mere administrative officers, and in no proper sense representatives of the people. In other localities the authority of regulating the collection and disbursement of taxes is vested in the Supervisors or other local Legislatures, which come directly from the people. The proposition to place this power over the City of New-York in the hands of four Ring-masters, is an unprecedented and monstrous in character as it is gross and contemptuous in its defiance of the principle of local sovereignty. True, we have now what amounts to pretty much the same thing in reality, but it is at least a little more decent in appearance.

There is, in fact, more of local rule in leaving the matter to the Legislature, for here at least are five Senators and twenty-one Assemblymen who come—in their peculiar fashion—from the locality. Nor is the pretended restriction upon the rate of taxation of the slightest value. Mr. TWEED throws a sub to the whale by proposing that the rate shall be limited to two per cent. But at the same time, Mr. TWEED proposes to extract all the oil he wants by leaving himself unlimited power over the valuation. The whole scheme is radically vicious and outrageous, as we shall have occasion more fully to show. We are far from unmoved of if in present form, it carries the Tax Levies to the Legislature. We are not insensible of its undisguised evils. But it is not wise to jump out of the frying-pan into the fire.

From the Troy Daily Whig.

The New-York Tax Levies are legalized by an act of the Legislature. Last year, when all the Commissions were abolished, and as we were told the rights of the people were restored to them, Mr. TWEED neglected to give the people of the City of New-York the right to levy their own taxes. This year, he has introduced a bill which declares that the tax to be levied for the years 1871 and 1872 shall be only two per cent. on the assessed valuation. The bill creates a Commission to levy the tax. The Commissioners are the Mayor, A. OAKEY HALL; the Controller, RICHARD B. CONNOLLY; the Superintendent of Public Works, WILLIAM M. TWEED; and the Chamberlain, PETER B. SWEENY.

The assessment of property in New-York was very largely increased last Summer. The State Assessors were asked to relieve the City, and did so by deducting somewhere about thirty millions (we have not the figures at hand, and may not be exact) from the valuation of New-York City, and adding as much to the rural counties. Our county of Rensselaer got one million of it.

The Controller's report, in one table states the aggregate valuation of the City at $1,047,[illegible]74, and the equalized valuation at $[illegible]. This would make a difference between the assessed valuation and the valuation on which the State tax can be levied of $119,113,[illegible].

We cannot explain this discrepancy. But there is a cat under the meal. Mr. TWEED would not be content with two per cent., unless he could levy it for all City purposes on the assessed valuation. He would be very willing to levy all State taxes on the equalized valuation. This is a very good trick on the part of Tammany. It is done with the aid of the State Assessors.

But what of popular rights, and especially of the right of the people to levy their own taxes? Our notion of the right of self-government would lead us to favor a bill giving the Common Council of New-York the power to incur all expenses for City account, and to levy all taxes. Are the four gentlemen named as the Commission, under Mr. TWEED'S bill, safer and more popular depositaries of the great power of levying taxes than the Common Council?

Is Tammany, after all, afraid to trust the people of New-York City with their own money? There was a time when Messrs. HALL, CONNOLLY, TWEED and SWEENY owned no property, and paid no taxes. Then they demanded for the people the right of self-government—the power to vote and levy taxes. Now that Mr. TWEED is, as he boasts, one of the heaviest tax-payers of the City, and that he and his brethren on this Commission have grown rich out of the taxes levied on the City, are they afraid to let the people have this power?

The Legislature is asked to let these gentlemen levy two per cent. on all the property subject to taxation, to be expended just as they shall please.

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DIED.

ANDERSON.—At Jamaica, L. I., Jan. 23, of Mrs. DAVID ANDERSON, aged [illegible] years and the late Cornelius Anderson, in the [illegible] year of his age.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from Grace Church, Jamaica, on Monday, 30th inst., at 12 o'clock P. M. Carriages will be in waiting at Stewart House, Broadway, on the 30th until 1 o'clock. Cars also leave Long Island Railroad Depot, Hall Street, Brooklyn, at 10 o'clock.

BAKER.—In Detroit, Mich., on the 22d inst., ANNA A. BAKER, in the 34th year of her age, daughter of the late Rev. Dr. Baker, and Sister-in-law of Wm. Dunlap, of this City.

Her funeral services will take place in the Church, on Wednesday, Jan. 25, at 10 o'clock. Friends are invited to attend without further notice.

CONKLIN.—At Yonkers, Monday, Jan. 23, SAMUEL, son of Frederick H. Conklin.

Funeral on Wednesday, Jan. 25, at 11 o'clock.

DEVEAU.—On Friday, Jan. 20, Mrs. HELENA, widow of Peter B. Deveau, in her 78th year of her age.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral, from her late residence, No. [illegible] Madison-st., on Saturday, Jan. 21, at 10 o'clock.

HAYES.—On Saturday, Jan. 21, Mr. JONATHAN HAYES, aged 68.

Funeral services at the Church Home, [illegible] Broadway, Wednesday, 25th inst., at 2 o'clock. Friends are invited to attend without further not

ITALY.

Transfer of the Capital to the Eternal City—Departure of Amadeo for his Kingdom—What is to be Done with the Pope?—Preparing for the King's Visit at Rome—Social Festivities at Florence—Palace of an American—Dreary Weather under Italian Skies.

FLORENCE, Friday, Dec. 27, 1870.

The Parliament, before adjourning to the 16th of January, took action upon the bill making provision for the transfer of the capital to Rome. As you already know, among the several dates named limiting the period within which the removal is to be made, the 30th of June next was that fixed upon. There was little discussion of the measure in the Chambers, as there was very little difference of opinion on any essential point, and in the Senate it is not doubted that the action of the Lower House will be at once confirmed, when the matter is brought up. With the limit extended until the end of June, the Government is really allowed almost the whole of the coming year to set itself into its new quarters. As all very well know, the months of July, August, and part of September are not a favorite time for going to Rome, and it is not likely that Parliament will hold any session there until its regular time of meeting at the end of November. But the vote being taken, and with it the other, turning into law the royal decree accepting the Roman *plebiscite*, the question is got out of the way, and the Florentines and Romans, and all most interested are now at liberty to accommodate themselves to the changes which are to follow. Resolutions have been introduced praising the good conduct of Florence, also of condolence for the injury which the city is to suffer, and something is said about an indemnity out of the public chest for expenditures which hereafter are to produce no fruits.

DEPARTURE OF AMADEO I.

At an early hour yesterday morning there was a great noise of cannon discharges from the hill of San Miniato, overlooking Florence. It was the signal of the departure of King AMADEO I. on his journey to Spain. Through the slush and drizzle of a storm of mingled rain and snow, half a dozen royal carriages passed from the Pitti Palace to the railway station. All these Spanish processions have happened to fall on dismal days of cold and wet, not suited to awaken cheerful hopes. The young sovereign was accompanied by several who are to form part of the personnel of the new royal household, and escorted as far as the port of embarkation by his brother, the hereditary Prince, and their cousin, the Prince CARIGNANO. All good wishes go with the young Prince to Spain.

THE TRIDEMICANENT OF THE POPE.

Since the Italians threw the old fiddle-case of the Papacy out of the window, the question has been, "Who is going to pick it up?" The correspondence with the Cabinets of different Catholic States, contained in the blue-book lately submitted to Parliament, contains nothing which leads us to expect that any single foreign Power will come forward to lift the Roman Court out of the embarrassment into which, by its own folly, it is plunged. The replies to the Italian Minister from nearly all the Governments addressed, is in almost the same tone. There is little or nothing in this great mass of correspondence upon which the friends of temporal power can found hope. The language used is generally that of friendliness and sympathy with this country in the work of ridding itself of the wearisome weight of priestly intervention in political affairs. There has lately been a revival of the old rumors about the intention of the Pope to quit the Italian territory, of which there does not really seem to be much probability. All the talk flaw blown into the alleged fact that the Holy Father has determined to absent himself from Rome during the visit of the King, and pass the time either at Castle Gandolfo, or at his beautiful villa at Porto D'Anzio, on the Mediterranean coast, both places within twenty miles of the capital. Such a step would be neither undignified nor ungracefully, for the presence of the Holy Father in Rome, with a refusal to hold any intercourse with the King, would be a ruder slight and rebuke than a Christian Bishop should visit upon a penitent son longing for reconciliation.

PREPARING FOR THE KING.

The Romans are working with good will to get Rome ready for the entrance of the King, which is now set down positively to take place on the 10th of January. One hundred thousand francs have been voted for the erection of a monument to commemorate the union of Rome with Italy, and the municipal authorities of all the cities of the Kingdom are to be called upon to make appropriations for the same object, so that the memorial-stone may not be unworthy of a fact of so much historic importance. The project of a triumphal arch in marble, to be built in honor of the visit of VICTOR EMMANUEL, at one time talked about, I believe is given up.

FESTIVITIES OF THE SEASON.

The social festivities of the present Winter are already well begun in Florence, and the season promises to be not less animated than those of former years. In the American circle, Mr. and Mrs. JAMES EWING COOLEY have taken the lead in a series of reunions during the month of December. The superb Bacciochi-Bonaparte Palace, purchased two years ago, has, during the past twelve months, undergone a thorough renovation, and is now among the finest of the many palatial residences of Florence. This house was the residence of the Austrian Ambassador in the time when Imperial influences shaped the fortunes of Tuscany, and was the centre of the most elegant society under the Grand Ducal Government. The garlands of the fêtes given in honor of the marriage of the hereditary Prince with the daughter of the King of Saxony still hang from the roof of the magnificent ball-room. The blonde beauties of our Saxon family are now the queens and priestesses of this domestic Court and fane.

DISMAL WEATHER.

We have had a month of dreary days. Americans who have come to Italy to see for the first time the bright skies of which the fancy has given them a charming pre-vision, have had their illusions destroyed. Rain has fallen incessantly, and a gloomy canopy of cloud has nearly shut out the light of the sky. It is almost always the same in this season of short days. Happily, with all this damp, no malignant maladies are engendered. ANGELICO.

Attempted Murder and Suicide in Indiana—Revenging a False Charge.

From the Indianapolis Journal, Jan. 20.

Early yesterday morning the citizens living on the Shelbyville pike, about four miles from the city, were horrified by the report of a tragedy in which two of their well-known neighbors were principals. It appears that one JAMES M. BOUSER, who owns a small farm on that road, some three and a half miles from here, went to the house of a man named LEWIS KLAUSNER, and merely saying, "I hear that you are too blaming me for this thing," commenced firing at KLAUSNER with a revolver. The first shot missed, but his aim was more true the second and third time, one ball taking effect in the victim's arm, badly shattering it, and the other entering his side, inflicting a painful and perhaps fatal wound. After KLAUSNER had fallen, and BOUSER evidently thought he had accomplished his purpose, he started for the residence of his parents, a mile and a half distant. On arriving there, he told his sister, who was in the house, that he had just killed a man, and was now going to kill himself. Despite her efforts and those of a brother, who had just arrived, BOUSER succeeded in gaining the outside of the house, and, placing the revolver to his head, fired, the ball entering the brain, between the right eye and ear, doing its fatal work instantaneously.

The circumstances leading to this dreadful affair are about as follows: Some two or three months since a charge of indecent assault upon the person of a nine-year old daughter of KLAUSNER was made against BOUSER, but the evidence did not warrant the finding of an indictment by the Grand Jury. Since that time BOUSER, who is represented to have been a man of good moral character, has been exceedingly morose and gloomy, evidently brooding over the matter continually, but as he avoided society, no person appears to have had any idea of the desperate resolution he had formed. It is now supposed, and certainly no other satisfactory theory can be advanced, that the disgrace of the crime of which he had been accused so affected his mind as to cause temporary insanity.

The deceased was about thirty-one years of age, and up to the time the charge referred to was laid at his door, had borne an irreproachable reputation.

At a late hour last evening Mr. KLAUSNER was reported as out of immediate danger, and his recovery deemed to be certain.

THE MEXICAN REPUBLIC.

Political Organization of the Country—Its Present Situation.

From the San Francisco Bulletin, Jan. 13.

The approaching Presidential election in Mexico is attracting unusual attention in the United States and elsewhere, from the fact that it will definitely settle the question whether it is possible for the free Government consolidated by BENITO JUAREZ to be perpetual and a new President be chosen, or the present able Chief Magistrate reelected without resort to arms and the repetition of those disorders which we have been accustomed to regard as chronic in Mexico. Many changes have taken place in the Constitution of the Republic since the establishment of Mexican independence, and especially within the twelve years since JUAREZ came into power. The coming election will be conducted on a different basis from any which preceded it, universal and unquestioned suffrage having been established, and the Electoral College having been abolished, the balloting being by the people direct. Every male citizen above the age of twenty-one years, and not convicted of any crime incurring an ignominious penalty, is a voter. The President is ex-officio Commander-in-Chief of the army and navy, as with us, and exercises the veto power. There are now twenty-eight Independent and sovereign States, each with its separate Constitution, elective Governors and Legislatures, and local organizations, as with us, and there is also one organized Territory, viz: Baja California. The National Congress consists of but one body, corresponding with our House of Representatives, holding annual sessions. Each State elects one member of Congress for each 40,000 inhabitants, and one for the additional fraction of that number if over 20,000, half being chosen for two and half for four years' term.

The want of a Senate to act as a restraining power on the check upon the reckless legislation of the popular body is deeply felt, and if JUAREZ is re-elected, a Senate will undoubtedly be established, that being a part of his programme. Congress is not presided over by a permanent officer, but each thirty days during its session a President of Congress is elected from among its members. There is no Vice-President in the Republic, but the eleven Judges of the Supreme Court are elected by popular votes; and the Chief-Justice, in case of the death of the President, becomes President *pro tem.*, but only until an election can be had. At the Presidential elections the successful candidate must have a majority of all the votes cast—not a mere plurality. If no man receives a majority of all the votes cast, then Congress will proceed to elect a President for the term. The administration of justice is by Judges of various grades, from a Justice of the Peace to Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Trial by jury is not known, but the decisions of each Court in succession are subject to revision by those above, and in a case involving the penalty of death, the testimony and all proceedings must be reduced to writing, and transmitted with the finding of the Court to the Supreme Court. If the finding is decreed by the Supreme Court to be according to the law and evidence, the fact is certified to, and on the receipt of the final document, the Governor of the State in which the trial took place signs the death-warrant, and the execution, by shooting, takes place within twenty-four hours thereafter.

The present Chief-Justice of the Supreme Court is SEBASTIAN LERDO DE TEJADA, but he is not now acting in that capacity, as his functions were suspended by Congress in order to allow him to act as Minister of Foreign Relations or Secretary of State in the Juarez Cabinet. Should JUAREZ die, or the election result in no choice, he would at once resign his position as Minister, resume his office of Chief-Justice of the Supreme Court, and by virtue of that office become President *pro tem.* The candidates for the Presidency, already in the field, are JUAREZ and LERDO DE TEJADA, and there is a probability to Gen. POMPEYO DIAZ, of the regular army, now commander of the Army of the South, will also be brought out. Until a few days since the Executive and Cabinet was as follows: President of the Republic, Don BENITO JUAREZ; Minister of Foreign Relations, SEBASTIAN LERDO DE TEJADA; Minister of Justice, YGLESIAS; Minister of Hacienda, (Treasury,) ROMERO; Minister of War and Marine, MEJIA; Minister of Public Works, BALCARCEL; Minister of Interior and Public Instruction, BALCARCEL.

A recent dispatch says that YGLESIAS has retired from the Cabinet, but his successor is not named. The office is not an important one, and will probably be abolished by Congress as a useless expense. Formerly the Army and the Church were independent of the civil power. No officer or soldier and no person connected with the Church could be tried by civil Courts; but the famous "Law of Juarez" abolished those independent organizations, and made them subordinate to the civil authority. Formerly all public proclamations were indorsed "God and liberty," but after the abolition of the connection between Church and State, the style was changed, and it now is "Liberty and Independence." The above facts—many of which are not fully understood in the United States—will give our readers a clear idea of the present political institutions of our neighbors, and enable them to watch the progress of the campaign understandingly.

Love, Jealousy and Murder—The Shooting of a Girl by Her Lover at Covington, Ohio.

From the Cincinnati Gazette, Jan. 21.

For one year and a half past, HENRY KOHRS, a young man of about twenty years of age, the son of a well-to-do citizen of our neighboring city of Covington, has been paying attentions to Miss PHILOMENA WELLINGHOFF, daughter of a mechanic residing on Philadelphia-street, between Seventh and Eighth streets, in that city. During this time he has been remarkably tenacious of his privileges in that direction, and has exhibited his jealousy in a marked manner on several occasions. About four months ago HENRY NIEMEYER, a young gentleman friend of Miss WELLINGHOFF, called to see her one evening, and took her out promenading. A few moments after they had left the house KOHRS put in an appearance, and waited for the return of the couple. After they had arrived he still remained at the house, and upon NIEMEYER's departure he followed and provoked a quarrel with him, in which he stabbed his supposed rival in the fleshy part of one of his arms.

This affair was hushed up at the time, and KOHRS continued his visits at the home of the WELLINGHOFFS as if nothing had happened. Several times, recently, he has displayed a small, single-barreled cartridge pistol, of the Remington pattern, much to the annoyance of the family, and has once or twice, in a playful manner, threatened to shoot a young sister of his victim.

Yesterday evening, about 8 o'clock, he called at the house, and was received with considerable surprise by Mrs. WELLINGHOFF, as his visits had usually taken place on Sunday and Thursday evenings only.

KOHRS inquired for "Mina," which was the familiar name by which PHILOMENA was addressed by her friends, and upon being informed that she had gone on an errand to the grocery, he said he would wait for her, and then entered into conversation with the family. He had been there but a short time when "Mina" appeared. She at first sight did not recognize him, but when she became aware of his presence she remarked, in a startled voice, "Good God, Frank, what do you come here to-night for?" The couple then adjourned to the sitting-room, and when they did so one of them locked the door of the room intervening between this room and the kitchen. They had been absent about twenty-five minutes when the smothered report of a pistol was heard by the persons in the kitchen. The sound apparently came from the front part of the house, and the excited fears of the mother were suddenly intensified by the voice of her daughter, exclaiming, in frightened accents, "O, my God! Open that door! Open that door!" while at the same time she was heard to rap on the door leading from the kitchen to the third or unoccupied room.

The door was broken open from the kitchen side, and the girl staggered into that room, and falling into a chair lamented in a pitiable voice the prospect of death which she appeared to think was approaching. Dr. BLANE was immediately sent for, and a messenger was also dispatched for Father FROMLUCK, at the St. Aloysius German Church near by. The latter messenger, however, had been anticipated. The Father had been sitting, engaged in conversation with the members of his household, a few moments before the messenger's arrival, when he was suddenly astonished by a young man who came rushing into the room, and clasping the father about the neck hung to him for several moments without being able to articulate more than the word "Wellinghoff."

The young man, in whom the father recognized HENRY KOHRS, succeeded, at last, in recovering his voice, when he exclaimed, in a feverishly fervent manner:

"Oh, father, I didn't want to shoot her. I didn't think I had anything in it. You know I loved her and wanted to marry her." The father then understood that something dreadful had happened, and hastened his preparations, while KOHRS, after entreating him to make haste, departed. The Father proceeded to the house which was only about one square distant, and on arriving there, found Dr. BLANE on hand. The efforts of the latter gentleman availed not to save the life of the unfortunate girl, who, in a very brief space of time, had passed beyond his care. The Father then gave her absolution and performed the rites peculiar to the solemn occasion. A few moments after the girl had breathed her last KOHRS appeared at the house, accompanied by his father, and, at the urgent request of the holy gentleman and the doctor, he proceeded to the Marshal's office and surrendered himself. He was placed in the jail under guard, and conducted himself in a very strange manner during the night. He was exceedingly restless, alternately laughing and crying, and had nothing to say to anybody. A jury was impanneled by Squire FRANCIS, and held an inquest upon the remains of the girl at the house. Seven witnesses were examined, and their testimony went to show that KOHRS had been exceedingly jealous of the girl, and fearing of being displaced in her affections.

The father of the unfortunate girl was one of the victims of the late disaster at the gas building.

The girl was about nineteen years of age, good-looking, and of unexceptionable character.

KOHRS acknowledged the deed to Mrs. WELLINGHOFF on his second visit to the house, and entreated her forgiveness.

THE SPANISH-PERUVIAN WAR.

A Misunderstanding as to Speculations in American Iron-Clads—Actual for Malicious Prosecution.

The case of ANTONIO MILLAN against JOHN GRAHAM, for malicious prosecution, was commenced in the Superior Court, before Judge MCCUNN, yesterday, damages being laid at $100,000. The plaintiff is a native of Peru, while the defendant, Capt. JOHN GRAHAM, is well known in this City as being for years largely interested in shipping sailing from this port. The cause of action has arisen out of a misunderstanding between the parties as to the terms of certain contracts and speculations entered into between them in relation to the purchase of iron-clads from the United States for the use of the Chilian and Peruvian Governments, and which has given rise to six or seven different actions in the Courts during the past two years, the facts of which have from time to time appeared in the Times. The theory of the plaintiff, as given by his counsel in his opening, yesterday, may be briefly stated as follows: In 1866, the plaintiff came to this country from Peru, and was introduced to the defendant, Capt. GRAHAM, to whom he announced that he was jointly interested with other parties, natives of Peru and Chili, to purchase iron-clads for the use of the Governments of Peru and Chili; that through the intervention of RODRIGO DOMINGUEZ, then Consul for Ecuador in this City, as interpreter, the parties to this action concluded an agreement for the purchase and sale of the iron-clad *Onondaga* for $1,400,000, each making their note for $50,000, which was deposited with DOMINGUEZ, together with the contract, and was to be forfeited in case either party failed to conform to their contract. For some reason this agreement fell through, and another agreement was entered into between the same parties for the sale and purchase of the iron-clad *Agamenticus* for $1,200,000. When this contract was entered into, the plaintiff claims that he was about to depart for Peru, and by advice of DOMINGUEZ left $600,000 in gold-bearing bonds of the joint issue of Peru and Chili, for safe keeping with defendant, taking as his pledge, bonds of the government in the sum of $500,000 each, for their safe return. This contract also fell through, plaintiff alleging the failure to be the fault of the defendant, while defendant claims the fault to lie with the plaintiff. Relying on his version as to the party who had failed in the contract, the plaintiff demanded the return of his bonds. This was refused by defendant, who claimed not only that the whole $600,000 had been forfeited by the plaintiff through his failure to complete the purchase of the *Agamenticus*, but that he (defendant) had paid out for and advanced to plaintiff $142,000. The amount of forfeiture, even if he made himself liable by failure, was, as he (plaintiff) understood it, only $100,000 instead $600,000. 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Brooklyn Aldermen—Pertinent Questions Concerning the Increase of the Fire and Police Forces.

A regular meeting of the Brooklyn Board of Aldermen was held yesterday afternoon, Alderman BERGEN in the chair. A communication was received from the Police Commissioners stating that the building occupied by them at present on the corner of Johnson and Washington streets, is entirely too small for their accommodation, and asking that the Board take measures to furnish them with additional room somewhere else. The matter was referred to the Committee on Public Lands and Buildings.

The Committee appointed three weeks ago to take the evidence in regard to the contested seat for the Twenty-second Ward, presented the evidence taken thus far, and obtained permission to sit for two weeks longer, in order to prepare an opinion upon the subject.

Alderman NOLAN presented a resolution directing the Controller to pay $1,000 out of the general fund to the Academy of Design as a gratuity from the City. There was no opposition offered, but the resolution was tabled, under the rule, until the next meeting of the Board.

The Committee, composed of RICHARDSON, CLANCY and DUFFY, appointed at the last meeting to wait upon DONOVAN ROSSA and his compatriots and invite them to visit Brooklyn, reported that they had seen the gentlemen named, had been cordially received by them, and had received letters from them in reply to the invitation, which is given in another column.

The letter was placed on file, and the Committee empowered to again wait upon the gentlemen.

Alderman RICHARDSON presented three resolutions, all of which were passed; the first calling upon Fire-Marshal KEADY for information regarding the extent and location of every fire that occurred during the past year, and requesting him to state whether the loss in any case sustained was to be attributed to the delay of the firemen in reaching the scene of the disaster; the second, requesting the Fire Commissioners to state whether, in their opinion, the force under their command was sufficient to meet the wants of the City, and whether they experience any difficulty in getting good men to enter the force for the salaries now paid; the third was of a similar character, directed to the Police Commissioners, requesting them to state whether the present Police force is large enough to defend the City against the land-sharkers, and whether there is any difficulty in getting good men for the salaries offered.

In explanation of the last resolution, Mr. RICHARDSON said that he offered it in view of the efforts now being made to advance, not only the number but the pay of the Police force, and added that, should the Commissioners state that the safety of the City called for either of the proposed changes, he would use his influence in their favor; if not, he thought it would then be the duty of the Board to protest against the change, as an attempt to saddle unnecessary expenses upon the City.

The Board then adjourned.

A POSSIBLE MURDER.

Mysterious Case of Drowning—A Woman Alleged to Have Been Thrown Off a Pier by a Gang of Ruffians.

Mention was made in yesterday's TIMES that the remains of a young and unknown woman had been found in the water near Pier No. 37 East River, on Sunday afternoon. Further investigation leads to a suspicion that the deceased had been foully dealt with. The Seventh Ward Police were at a loss to discover the identity of the woman, and so removed the remains to the Morgue for identification. The publication of the woman's description, however, furnished a slight clue, which, carefully followed up, led to the arrest of the supposed murderer.

WM. WILSON, a sailor belonging on board the ship *Hibernia*, informed the Police yesterday morning, that on Saturday night he and some companions were drinking in a Fourth Ward dram-shop, and noticed a young woman named BELLA MINA, though better known in that locality as "Scotty," who left the place a few minutes before midnight. She was walking through Cherry-street ahead of WILSON's party, and, by advice of DOMINGUEZ left $600,000 in gold-bearing bonds of the joint issue of Peru and Chili, for safe keeping with defendant, taking as his pledge, bonds of the government in the sum of $500,000 each, for their safe return. This contract also fell through, plaintiff alleging the failure to be the fault of the defendant, while defendant claims the fault to lie with the plaintiff. Relying on his version as to the party who had failed in the contract, the plaintiff demanded the return of his bonds. This was refused by defendant, who claimed not only that the whole $600,000 had been forfeited by the plaintiff through his failure to complete the purchase of the *Agamenticus*, but that he (defendant) had paid out for and advanced to plaintiff $142,000. The amount of forfeiture, even if he made himself liable by failure, was, as he (plaintiff) understood it, only $100,000 instead $600,000. The defendant, however, consented to deliver to plaintiff $100,000 of the bonds, taking a receipt therefor in which plaintiff recognized the fact that the $600,000 was left on deposit as security, to be forfeited in case the contract was not fulfilled by him. Plaintiff then insisting that he had not failed in his contract, commenced a suit to recover the remainder of the bonds. Subsequently the defendants also commenced suit against plaintiff to recover this $142,000, in which DOMINGUEZ, the Peruvian Consul, was made a party defendant. In this suit an order of arrest was issued on the ground that this money had been obtained by misrepresentation and fraud by plaintiff herein. On this order the defendant (now plaintiff) was held in custody about seventeen days, until the order was vacated on the ground that DOMINGUEZ, the Consul, being a foreign Consul, was subject to the jurisdiction of the State Courts. The same suit was subsequently commenced in the United States Courts, and the plaintiff again imprisoned for a period of about forty days. For the first imprisonment the plaintiff sued for damages in a action for damages, alleging that the defendant procured the order of arrest knowing that DOMINGUEZ, the plaintiff's co-defendant, was a foreign Consul and could not, therefore, be held to arrest in a State Court. When the matters in dispute were previously before the Courts, although the Judges did not decide on the merits, yet they expressed an opinion, and from the papers used on behalf of defendant, Capt. GRAHAM, that the plaintiff sought him out as one long known to him by reputation as a large owner of both sailing and steam vessels; that he (plaintiff) had come to this country to make purchases of monitors, the Secretary of the Navy having peremptorily refused and Valparaiso; that he induced defendant to have a number of monitors examined, and ascertained whether they could be purchased, and at what price; that the negotiations resulted in contracts for the purchase of the *Onondaga* and *Agamenticus*, which the plaintiff failed to fulfil; that plaintiff was liable not only on his written contract for the $600,000 forfeit, but also for the $142,000 loaned and advanced to plaintiff by defendant; that while negotiations for the sale of the *Agamenticus* were pending, and after these advances, an advertisement appeared in the columns of the TIMES, cautioning all persons against negotiating the bonds deposited with defendant, and that interest thereon had been stopped, upon which the defendant had made advances and loans, and which he claimed had been deposited as a forfeit in case of a failure by plaintiff to carry out his contract. A large portion of the testimony to be offered seems to be documentary, but there will necessarily be much oral testimony as to the understanding of the parties to the transactions. The case will occupy several days, and will doubtless elicit much testimony of interest. Plaintiff is represented by Messrs. DOOLITTLE and DAVIS and Ex-Judge FULLERTON, while Messrs. TORRENCE & PILKIN, A. J. VANDERPOOL and JOHN GRAHAM represent the interests of the defendant.

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REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

No business of any special importance was transacted at the Exchange yesterday, (Jan. 23,) the only sale of any description being one made by A. J. BLENCKER, SON & Co., by order of a receiver, consisting of the assets of J. HARBROOK, sold for $25. What these assets comprised was not stated by the auctioneer. Today, at the Exchange, MULLER, WILKINS & Co. will offer at auction a good business property, including a new four-story brick store, dwelling and three lots, located on the west side of the street, between Houston and Prince, and known as Nos. 266, 266½ and 268 respectively. Other sales are advertised to take place on each day during the week.

Transfers of Real Estate.

KINGS COUNTY.

Brooklyn.

Atlantic-st., n. s., 100 ft. w. of Bond-st. 22.4x80.....$15,000
Broadway and 22-st., n. w. corner, 11.8x12x11x6.....
Stockholm-st., s. s., 100 ft. w. corner, 20x100.....4,500
Degraw-st., n. s., 100 ft. e. of Smith-st., 20x100.....10,000
Jay-st., w. s., 60 ft. s. of Tillary-st., 20x90.0.....3,500
McDonough-st., n. s., 220 ft. w. of Stuyvesant-av., 100x100.....14,000
President-st., n. s., 174 ft. w. of Henry-st., 40x100 20,000
President and Henry sts., n. e. corner, 60.4x80x22x77.0.....4,000
President-st., n. s., 320 ft. e. of Smith-st., 20x100.....10,000
St. James-place and Van Buren-st., s. e. corner, 20x100.....20,000
Sackett-st., w. s., 317 ft. n. w. of 9th-av., 25x68.....700
Tillman-st., s. s., 141 ft. w. of Bridge-st., 16.7x60.....1,975
Henion-st., n. s., 150 ft. e. of Van Brunt-st., 100x100.....12,000
Warren-st., n. s., lot No. 313, S. J. Garrison's map, 25x100.....5,000
South 3d-st., s. s., 20 ft. e. of 6th-st., 20x71.8.....7,150
Bennett-av., w. s., 115 ft. s. of Liberty-av., 100x100.....4,000
Sudwick, about 3 miles adjoining A. Van Westrand's, 4 acres.....1,000
Myrtle-av., n. s., 400 ft. e. of Lewis-av., 24x100.....4,300
Halsey-st., s. s., 375 ft. n. of Union-av., 17x100.....5,100
Bidgewater-st., lots Nos. 79 and 80.....4,000
Throop-av., 75 ft. n. of Myrtle-av., 25x100.....2,100
Washington-av., e. s., 107 ft. s. of Saville-st., 20.5x75.....
Broadway, s. w. c., 20 ft. s. s. of McDonough-st., 40x70.....3,000
New Lots, continuation of Monroe-st., centre line, 164x107.....4,500

WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

Morrisania.

Courtlandt-av., e. s., lot No. 223 Melrose, 50x100.....$5,000

Gerning.

Main-st., s. s. P. Waterbury's property, 4 7-100 acres.....$22,800

Fordham.

Prospect Hill to Fordham road, s. s., J. A. Monnell's property, about 10 acres.....$15,000

West Farms.

11 lots, map of Samuel Ryer's property.....$2,000

NEW-JERSEY.

Newark.

Pennsylvania-av. and Aster-st., s. w. corner, 80x100.....$14,000
Bankinse-st., w. s., adjoining J. Boylan's lot, 25x100.....2,800
Belmont-av., e. s., 264 ft. s. from Waverly place, 25x100.....900
Halsted-av., e. s., 24 ft. s. from Wrightson-st., 25x100.....1,200
Mount Prospect-av., e. s., 300 ft. n. from Bloomfield-av., 151.10x300.....20,000
8th-av. and Cutler-st., s. w. corner, 15.8x82.8x.....
Broad-st., w. s., 31 ft. s. of Mrs. Gutchell's property, 31x75.....8,000
Garside-st., s. s., 242 ft. e. of Bloomfield-av., 25x112
Garside-st., s. s., 300 ft. e. of Bloomfield-av., 25x112.....3,600
Broad-st., w. s., 20 ft. n. from Morris and Essex Railroad-av., 44.6x56.5.....80,000

Jersey City.

Halliday and Mapes sts., n. e. corner, 20x100.....$9,000
Warren and Sussex sts., n. w. corner, 25x100.....6,000
Prospect-st., w. s., lot No. 3, block No. 210, Bergen's map, 14.8x80.....400

Hoboken.

Lot No. 7, block No. 32, Castor estate.....$1,625

Union.

Blum-st., n. s., lot No. 8, block No. 6, Geyser & Butler's map, 20x75.....$1,000
Garden-st., e. s., lot No. 798, block No. 30, Herring's map, 25x100.....300

North Bergen.

2 acres adjoining the station of the Northern Railroad of New-Jersey at English Neighborhood.....$1,050

Greenville.

Plank-road lots Nos. 21 and 23.....
Commercial-st., lots Nos. 22 and 24, block No. 2.....$7,200
Commercial-st., lots Nos. 29 and 30, block No. 1.....

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29th-st., near B'way, full-size brown-stone, 4 stories.
29th-st., near 6th-av., 4-story brown-stone, 20x92 ft.
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42d-st., e. of Broadway, desirable 4-story brown-stone.
45th-st., near 8th-av., medium-size 4-story brown-stone.
47th-st., near 8th-av., new full size.
52d-st., near 8th-av., extra-size 4-story brown-stone.
46th-st., near 8th-av., 4-story house, 22x80 ft., lot 100.
80th-st., near 2d-av., new 3-story house, 20x50x100, furnished, modern improvements, possession, &c.
52d-st., near 6th-av., new and handsome houses.
52d-st., near Madison-av., elegant 4-story, medium size.
54th-st., near 8th-av., new and handsome houses.
57th-st., near 8th-av., new and very elegant.
57th-st., near Grand Union Hotel, 3-story house, 25x80 ft.
Lexington-av., near 50th-st., 4-story medium-sized h. s.
Madison-av., near 41st-st., modern dwelling, furnished.
Nelson-av., near 42d and 43d sts., modern dwellings.
Park-av., near 35th-st., first-class full-sized house.
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Tuesday, Feb. 7, 1 P. M.
and each succeeding SATURDAY and alternate TUESDAY, from Pier No. 45 North River.
RATES OF PASSAGE.
PAYABLE IN GOLD. PAYABLE IN CURRENCY.
1st Cabin.....$75 | 1st Cabin.....$80
To London.....80 | To London.....85
To Halifax, N. S.....20 | To Halifax, N. S.....15
Steerage, $30. Steerage, Halifax, Boston, Norway, and Denmark, at reduced rates.
Tickets can be bought here at moderate rates by persons wishing to send for their friends.
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JOHN G. DALE, Agent.
No. 15 Broadway, New-York.

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Prepaid steerage tickets from Liverpool, Queenstown, $35 currency; $40 gold.
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J. W. J. HURST, Manager.

ONLY DIRECT LINE TO FRANCE.
THE GENERAL TRANSATLANTIC COMPANY'S MAIL STEAMSHIPS BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND HAVRE, CALLING AT BREST.
WASHINGTON, Delaporte, SATURDAY, Jan. 28.
LAFAYETTE, Rousset, SATURDAY, Feb. 11.
Note.—The Washington will sail direct for Bordeaux.
For freight or passage apply to
GEO. MACKENZIE, Agent, No. 58 Broadway.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAM-SHIP COMPANY'S
THROUGH LINE TO
CALIFORNIA AND CHINA.
FREIGHT AND PASSAGE GREATLY REDUCED.
Through rates, New-York to San Francisco:
First Class, $125 to $175. Steerage, $60.
These rates include berths, board and all accommodations for the trip.
Steamers of the above line leave Pier No. 42 North River, foot of Canal-st., at 12 o'clock noon
ON 8TH AND 23D OF EACH MONTH,
except when these days fall on Sunday, then the day
One hundred pounds of baggage free to each adult. Medicine and attendance free.
Feb. 4, RISING STAR, Capt. H. P. CORBIN, connecting with AUSTRALIA, Capt. PARSWORTH.
Departure of 20th every month.
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FOR ST. THOMAS AND BRAZIL.
UNITED STATES AND BRAZIL STEAM-SHIP COMPANY.
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NORTH AMERICA, Capt. G. R. SLOCUM, March 8.
MERRIMACK, Capt. Wilcox, April 8.
These splendid steamers have all accommodations and call at St. Thomas, Para, Pernambuco, Bahia and Rio de Janeiro, going and returning. For engagement of cargo or passage, apply to
WM. H. GARRISON, Agent,
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FINANCIAL.

NINTH WARD BANK,
(ORGANIZED UNDER STATE CHARTER.)
CAPITAL, $100,000, SUBJECT TO INCREASE TO $200,000.
THIS BANK
is now open for business at
NO. 22 ABINGDON-SQUARE.
This bank invites the accounts of the merchants and citizens of the Ninth Ward and vicinity, and ensures all depositors that they will be liberally dealt with, and every facility afforded consistent with safe banking. Collections made on all points in the United States and Canada.
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JAMES BORDE, Bobbs & Dodge, 102 Fulton-st.
JOHN H. BERDAN, Jefferson Market.
CHARLES GREENE, Lafin & Rand Powder Co., New-York.
EDGAR F. BROWN, Brown & Ryan, 280 Broadway.
JAMES QUIRK, 424 Hudson-st.
WILLIAM HERRMAN, 238 West 14th-st.
E. H. GRAY, 22 and 24 Wooster-st.
ANDREW E. WENCHE, 128 Charlton-st.
ISAAC COLLIN, 40 Greenwich-st.
J. S. MANGAM, President National Trust Co.
JOHN INGERSOLL, 84 O. Wheeler & Co., 424 West-st.
JOHN GROW, 211 Hudson-st.
JOSEPH ROSENTHAL, H. Rothschild & Co., 447 Broadway.
J. S. CHANDLER, 11 Walker.
E. L. BURNHAM, E. L. & F. T. Burnham, 409 Pearl-st.
WM. H. CHRISTIE, W. H. Christie & Co., foot of Gansevoort-st.
WALTER J. PRICE, Bradstreet, Price & Co., 279 Broadway.
R. G. W. WORES, Bradstreet, Price & Co., 279 West 16th-st.
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J. O. NOXON, Cashier.

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BANKERS,
16 and 18 Nassau-st., New-York.
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Principal and Interest Payable in Gold.
Mortgage at the rate of $4,000 per mile.
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Price 90 and accrued interest.
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Geo. Opdyke & Co.
36 Wall-st.
CORNER OF CEDAR ST.
FOUR PER CENT. interest allowed on current accounts, subject to check at sight.
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THE BEST SECURITY IN THE WORLD.
SEVEN (7) PER CENTS,
TWENTY TO THIRTY YEARS TO RUN.
DIRECT DUE IN 1874-75.
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GEO. K. SISTARE,
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P. S.—City so bought and sold.

MONEY TO LOAN
On desirable New-York and Brooklyn Real Estate. Mortgages purchased. Principals only dealt with.
JACOB B. KEIFFERD & CO.,
No. 68 Pine-st., New-York.

STAR FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
No. 68 Broadway,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 18, 1871.
AT AN ELECTION HELD AT THE Office of this Company, Jan. 9, 1871, the following gentlemen were elected Directors for the ensuing year:
LEVI APGAR. D. B. MORRIS.
C. H. LAFFERTY. NICH. C. MILLER.
JAY BAYLIS. WM. W. OWENS.
PETER S. ANDERSON. JOHN F. FUPEK.
GEORGE BEADLESTON. EDGAR PINCHOT.
JAMES MIDDLETON. FRANCIS A. RAUM.
MARTIN J. SUNN. C. W. F. RANDOLPH.
ABIJAH CURTIS. CHAS. B. RICHARD.
CHAS. DENISON. CHAS. SPEAR.
JOHN T. FLANAGAN. GEO. W. SAVAGE.
JAMES FLANAGAN. R. O. TEFFT.
DANIEL FOSTER. JOHN C. TUCKER.
ALLAN ALEXANDER. STEPHEN VIELE.
JOHN H. HOLDANE. JAS. WALLACE.
ZACHARIAH JAQUES, D. CORNELL WHITE.
T. C. KIMBALL.
And, at a subsequent meeting of the Board, held Jan. 11, 1871, NICHOLAS C. MILLER was re-elected President, and JOHN B. FLANAGAN Vice-President.
JAMES M. HODGES, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE WILKES-BARRE COAL AND IRON COMPANY,
NO. 52 BROADWAY,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 19, 1871.
THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE Stockholders of the Wilkes-Barre Coal and Iron Company for the election of Directors and transaction of such other business as may be presented, will be held at the office of the Company, at Wilkes-Barre, Penn., on WEDNESDAY, Jan. 25, 1871, at 11 o'clock A. M. The polls will close at 12 o'clock M.
Transfer books will be closed from the 17th to the 26th inst., both days inclusive. By order.
WM. H. TILLINGHAST, Secretary.

NATIONAL BANK OF THE COMMONWEALTH,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 19, 1871.
AT AN ELECTION HELD THIS DAY for Directors of this bank, the following gentlemen were duly elected, viz.:
EDWARD HAIGHT, CORNELIUS K. SUTTON,
WM. M. GAWTEY, BENJAMIN J. HOWLAND,
GUSTAV REYNAUD, FRANCIS LELAND,
PAULN. SPOFFORD, AUGUSTUS H. HAIGHT,
REUBEN MAIN, JAMES EMOTT.
GEORGE ELLIS.
At a meeting of the Board of Directors, held on the 17th inst., Hon. EDWARD HAIGHT having, on account of his declined a re-election, GEORGE ELLIS was elected President, and EDWARD HAIGHT Vice-President.

CLEVELAND, COLUMBUS, CINCINNATI AND INDIANAPOLIS RAILWAY COMPANY,
CLEVELAND, Dec. 30, 1870.
A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE STOCKholders of this Company will be held at the office of the Company, in Cleveland, Ohio, on WEDNESDAY, Jan. 25, 1871, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 2 o'clock P. M., to vote upon a proposition to aid in the construction of and leasing a line of railway between Springfield and Cincinnati, Ohio, and upon a contract with the Cincinnati, Sandusky and Cleveland Railroad Company for running and business arrangements.
The transfer books will be closed on the evening of Jan. 14, and re-opened Feb. 2, 1871.
By order of the Board of Directors.
GEO. E. RUSSELL, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE DUBUQUE AND SIOUX CITY R. R. CO.,
DUBUQUE, Iowa, Jan. 13, 1871.
NOTICE.—THE ANNUAL MEETING OF the stockholders of the Dubuque and Sioux City Railroad Company for the election of Directors will be held at the office of the Company, in Dubuque, Iowa, on MONDAY, Feb. 13, 1871.
G. E. BOOTH, Secretary.

GOLD MINING STOCK FOR SALE.—Five hundred shares of stock of the Orinoko Mining and Milling Company, N. M. Inquire of D. Willis James are large stockholders in the above Company, and are the resident directors in this City. Inquire of No. 189 Broadway, Room No. 12.

A LIMITED NUMBER OF SEVEN Per cent. Bonds of the City of New-Albany, Ind., having twenty years to run, are for sale at 90 and accrued interest at the Chatham National Bank. The total debt of the City, including these bonds, is $373,000.

MONEY TO LOAN ON DESIRABLE IMproved New-York and Brooklyn Real Estate; mortgages promptly cashed; principals only dealt with.
WM. SINCLAIR, Jr., & CO., No. 2 Pine-st.

FINANCIAL.

Montclair Railway
NEW-JERSEY
7 PER CENT.
GOLD
1ST MORTGAGE
BONDS,
INDORSED BY THE
NEW-YORK AND OSWEGO
Midland Railroad Co.,
FOR SALE IN
DENOMINATIONS
OF
$1,000, $500 AND $100.
GOVERNMENT SECURITIES
EXCHANGED AT MARKET RATES.
SEND FOR CIRCULAR AND MAP.
LEONARD, SHELDON & FOSTER,
BANKERS,
NO. 10 WALL-ST.

ST. NICHOLAS INSURANCE COMPANY.
Office No. 166 Broadway.
Cash Capital - - - - - $150,000 00
Assets, Jan. 1, 1871 - - 222,571 88
Unpaid Losses, Jan. 1, '71 3,350 00
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE DECLARED THE USUAL SEMI-ANNUAL
Dividend of Five Per Cent.,
free of tax, payable on and after the 1st day of February next.
JOHN J. SEARING, Secretary.
NEW-YORK, Jan. 11, 1871.

FINANCIAL NOTICE.
$30,000 BONDS WANTED FOR SINKING FUND OF THE DES MOINES VALLEY RAILROAD.
Agreeably to the provisions contained in the Trust Mortgage Deed of the DES MOINES VALLEY RAILROAD COMPANY, dated Oct. 1, 1868, made to the undersigned Trustees, I shall use the payment of the Land Grant Mortgage Bonds, sealed proposals addressed to W. S. Gilman and N. A. Cowdrey, Trustees, No. 47 Exchange-place, New-York, will be received until Noon of Saturday, the 4th of February, 1871, for the sale, to the undersigned, of thirty of the above-named bonds of $1,000 each, which bonds will then be redeemed with money derived from sales of said lands.
W. S. GILMAN,
N. A. COWDREY, } Trustees.

LA NANCHE MINING COMPANY.
The adjourned annual meeting of the stockholders of the La Nanche Mining Company of Newfoundland will be held at No. 24 Wall-st., on WEDNESDAY, the 25th inst., at 3 o'clock P. M.
JAS. A. ALEXANDER, Secretary.
NEW-YORK, Jan. 14, 1871.

BROWN BROTHERS & CO.,
NO. 59 WALL-ST.
ISSUE COMMERCIAL and TRAVELLERS' CREDITS AVAILABLE in all PARTS of the WORLD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN—THAT At a meeting of the Stockholders of the New-York and Hempstead Plank Road Company held in the hall of the City Office of the said Company, No. 7 Broadway, New-York, on WEDNESDAY, Feb. 1, 1871, at 12 o'clock M., at which will be submitted for consideration an agreement for the consolidation of said Company with the Hempstead and Rockaway Railroad Company.
THOS. C. GOETCHIUS, Secretary.
NEW-YORK, Dec. 31, 1870.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT At a meeting of the stockholders of the Hempstead and Rockaway Railroad Company, will be held at the office of said Company, No. 7 Broadway, New-York, on WEDNESDAY, Feb. 1, 1871, at 1 o'clock P. M., at which will be submitted for consideration an agreement for the consolidation of said Company with the New-York and Hempstead Plank Railroad Company.
THOS. C. GOETCHIUS, Secretary.
NEW-YORK, Dec. 31, 1870.

INTEREST ON CITY STOCKS.—THE interest on the bonds and stocks of the Corporation of the City of New-York, due Feb. 1, 1871, will be paid on that day, by JNO. J. BEADLEY, Esq., Chamberlain of the City, at his office in the new Court-house.
The transfer books will be closed FRIDAY, Dec. 30, 1870. RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Controller.
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
CONTROLLER'S OFFICE,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 31, 1870.

OFFICE OF WELLS, FARGO AND COMPANY,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 14, 1871.
THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of this Company for the election of Directors will be held on SATURDAY, Feb. 4, next, at the office of the Company.
Polls open from 12 M. to 1 P. M. Transfer books will be closed Jan. 24, at 3 P. M., and reopened Feb. 6 at 10 A. M. THEO. E. WOOD, Secretary.

A.—MONEY LOANED (PROMPTLY) IN sums to suit, on improved and accessible unimproved City property. Large mortgages cashed.
V. K. STEVENSON & SON,
No. 11 Pine-st.

WANTED—$50,000 OF ATLANTIC AND ST. Lawrence Railroad Company Bonds. Apply to C. A. MINTON, Stock Exchange.

SAVINGS BANKS.

NATIONAL SAVINGS BANK.
The Freedmen's Savings and Trust Company. (Chartered by the Government of the United States.)
NO. 153 BREEDER-ST.
DEPOSITS OVER $3,000,000.
INTEREST paid or compounded, free of all taxes, THREE TIMES in each year, or every THIRTY days, as depositors prefer. A SPECIALTY made of allowing interest from date of each deposit on sums of $50 and upward. Married women have exclusive control over their money deposited in the National Savings Bank. All accounts strictly private and confidential. Deposits can be sent by EXPRESS, or bank draft, or postal money order. All deposits payable ON DEMAND, with interest due.
Send or call for circular.
Open daily from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M., and MONDAYS and SATURDAYS from 9 A. M. to 8 P. M.
JOHN J. ZUILLE, Cashier.

BOWERY SAVINGS BANK.
NOTICE TO DEPOSITORS.—The Bank will be open after the 1st of February next for receiving and paying deposits every day, from 10 o'clock in the morning until 2 o'clock in the afternoon, excepting Mondays, when it will be open at 10 o'clock in the morning and remain open until 7 o'clock in the evening. By order of the Board of Trustees.
THOMAS JEREMIAH, President.
G. H. CODDINGTON, Secretary.

UNION DIME SAVINGS BANK,
Nos. 396 and 398 CANAL-ST., corner of Laight.
SIX PER CENT. Interest on $5 to $5,000.
ASSETS, $8,954,945 00.

ATLANTIC SAVINGS BANK, CENTRAL-SQUARE, AND 1 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Jan. 2, 1871.
THE TRUSTEES OF THIS BANK have ordered that a dividend, at the rate of SIX PER CENT. per annum, be paid to all depositors entitled to the same, and after the 14th inst.
All interest not withdrawn will be added and will draw interest as a deposit. By order.
HARRISON HALL, President.
J. P. COOPER, Secretary.
Deposits will be received up to and including the 10th, drawing interest from Jan. 1.

EQUITABLE SAVINGS INSTITUTION, No. 70 CTR-AV., NEW-YORK, CORNER OF WAVERLY-PLACE.
A SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND AT THE rate of Six per Cent. per annum has been ordered to be paid by the Trustees on all sums entitled thereto, from $5 upward, on and after Jan. 16, 1871.
Interest not drawn will be added to the depositor's account, and draw interest from Jan. 1, 1871.
Money deposited on or before Jan. 21 will draw interest from Jan. 1.
Bank open every day from 9 A. M. to 3 P. M.
PLOTO CLARKSON, Secretary.

NEW-YORK SAVINGS BANK, 5TH Av., corner of 14th-st.—SIX PER CENT. INTEREST paid on all sums, from $5 to $5,000. Deposits made on or before Feb. 1 will draw interest from Feb. 1. Assets, $2,145,440 42. Surplus, $102,817 04.

BUSINESS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION AT No. 320 Pearl-st., Harpers' Building, N. Y. All articles at the lowest factory prices. J. R. HOPPER.

BOARDING AND LODGING.

A STRICTLY PRIVATE FAMILY, residing in East 16th-st., convenient to Gramercy, Washington and Everett Hotels, would rent, without board, to a single gentleman, a front room, between communicating with another, if desired, three working girls' accommodations may be taken, with meals. E., Box No. 162 Times Office.

A LARGE HANDSOMELY-FURNISHED room, all modern improvements, on second floor, with or without board, to a single gentleman; location, 60th-st., east of Madison-av.; no other rooms rented; references exchanged. Address, with name, A. Z., Box 198.

TO LET, FURNISHED.—TWO OR three rooms, on parlor floor, to one or more gentlemen; also, room on third floor; references exchanged. No. 6 East 16th-st., between Broadway and 5th-av.

FIFTH-AV.—A HANDSOMELY FURnished entire floor, or suite or single, with board, private table if desired, in the first-class house, No. 14, 13th-st. References exchanged.

LARGE SECOND FLOOR ROOM FOR a gentleman and wife—or gentlemen—with superior board. No. 55 West 33d-st., near 6th-av.; references required.

ONE HANDSOME SUITE OF ROOMS on private floor; also single rooms; table if desired; references. No. 29 6th-av., nearly opposite Calvary Church.

NO. 234 EAST 13TH-ST.—TO LET, WITH board, second floor, front room, newly furnished, to a gentleman; BED ONLY, if desired; gas; location desirable; references required.

GENTLEMEN CAN BE ACCOMMODATED with good board at $7 per week at 78 West 16th-st., near Waverley-place.

AUCTION SALES.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, Auctioneer.
EXECUTORS' SALE OF STOCKS AND BONDS.—ADRIAN H. MULLER, P. F. WILKINS & CO., will sell at auction on WEDNESDAY, Jan. 25, 1871, at 12½ o'clock, at the Exchange sales room, No. 111 Broadway, By order of the Executor of JOHN ALSTYNE, deceased.
50 shares National Park Bank, $100 each.
25 shares Mechanics' National Bank, $25 each.
125 shares Gallatin National Bank, $50 each.
500 shares Butchers' and Drovers' National Bank, $25 each.
50 shares National Bank of North America, $100 each.
200 shares Chatham National Bank, $50 each.
50 shares New-York County National Bank, $100 each.
100 shares Merchants' Exchange National Bank, $50 each.
45 shares Oriental Bank, $25 each.
40 shares Union National Bank, $50 each.
125 shares City National Bank, $100 each.
7980 shares Bank of the Manhattan Company, $50 each.
75 shares United States Trust Company, $100 each.
40 shares Manhattan Oil Company, $100 each.
300 shares New-Jersey Steam-boat Company, $100 each.
1,000 shares Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Company, $50 each.
300 shares Long Island Railroad Company, $50 each.
100 shares Michigan Central Railroad Company, $100 each.
100 shares Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad Company, Preferred Stock, $100 each.
40 shares Peoria and Oquawka Railroad Company, $100 each.
30 shares New-York Museum Association, $100 each.
160 shares New-York, Newfoundland and London Telegraph Company, $100 each.
$20,000 Manhattan Gas Light Company Seven per Cent. Gold Bonds, $1,000 each.
$1,000 Quincy and Palmyra Railroad Company Bond.
$6,000 Michigan Southern and Northern Indiana Railroad Company Sinking Fund Bonds, $1,000 each.
$5,000 Metropolitan Gas Light Company Seven per Cent. Bonds, $1,000 each.
$1,000 Central Railroad Company of New-Jersey Bond.
$25,000 New-Jersey Steam-boat Company Bonds, $1,000 each.
$10,000 Morris and Essex Railroad Company Bonds, $1,000 each.
$10,000 Erie and Naples Railroad Company Bonds, $1,000 each.
EDWARD M. BROWN, Auctioneer.

BY T. B. MENTEER, BROWN & CO.—THIS DAY, Tuesday, Jan. 24, at 12 o'clock, within their store:
140 cases fresh Valencia Oranges.
200 cases fresh Oporto Oranges.
280 boxes fresh Malta Oranges.
100 kegs French Plums.
400 boxes Malaga Raisins.
300 barrels Almeria Grapes.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, Auctioneer.
AUCTION SALE OF HORSES, CARRIAGES, &c., &c., from private establishment, of a private gentleman, ADRIAN H. MULLER, P. F. WILKINS & CO., will sell at auction on TUESDAY, Jan. 24, at 9 o'clock A. M., at the private stable No. 18 West 46th-st., near 5th-av., the property of a gentleman, the well known pair of bright bays, light wagon, two-seated sleigh, 2 sets double harness, 1 set single harness, fox robe, buffalo robe, blankets, sheets, livery, whips, &c. Sale peremptory.

DIVIDENDS.

TWELFTH DIVIDEND.
FIREMEN'S AND NEW-YORK FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, NO. 170 BROADWAY.
The Board of Directors have this day declared a Semi-annual Dividend of Five (5) per Cent., free of tax, payable on demand. JOHN W. MURRAY, Secretary.

THIRTY-FOURTH DIVIDEND.
OFFICE FULTON FIRE INSURANCE CO.,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 17, 1871.
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THIS COMPANY have this day declared a Semi-annual Dividend of Five (5) per Cent., free of Government tax, payable on demand at their office, No. 246 Broadway.
JAMES M. RANKIN, Secretary.

DIVIDEND.
OFFICE OF THE HORSE FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, NO. 98 BROADWAY,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 11, 1871.
A Semi-annual Dividend of Five (5) per Cent., free of tax, has this day been declared.
JAMES E. MOORE, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE DELAWARE AND HUDSON CANAL CO.,
NO. 21 BROADWAY, TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 17, 1871.
THE MANAGERS OF THIS COMPANY have this day declared a Semi-annual Dividend of Five per Cent., free of Government tax, payable on and after the 1st day of February next, at the National Bank of Commerce in New-York.
The transfer books will be closed on the evening of the 16th inst., and will be reopened on the morning of the 2d day of February, 1871.
CHARLES P. HARTT, Treasurer.

CLEVELAND, COLUMBUS, CINCINNATI AND INDIANAPOLIS RAILWAY COMPANY,
CLEVELAND, OHIO, Jan. 14, 1871.
A DIVIDEND OF THREE AND A HALF per Cent. has been declared by this Company, payable on and after Feb. 1, free of Government tax. Stockholders holding certificates registered at New-York, will be paid at the office of the United States Trust Company, No. 45 Wall-st.
The transfer-books will be closed from 14th inst. until Feb. 1. By order of the Board of Director.
GEO. H. RUSSELL, Treasurer.

CLEVELAND AND PITTSBURGH RAILROAD COMPANY,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY AND TREASURER,
CLEVELAND, OHIO, Jan. 21, 1871.
DIVIDEND NOTICE.—A DIVIDEND OF Two and a Half per Cent. upon the capital stock of this Company, free of Government tax, has been declared, payable on the 10th of February, and for thirty days thereafter, at the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, New-York.
The transfer-books will be closed on the 20th inst., and reopened Feb. 11.
G. A. INGERSOLL, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY, NEW-YORK, Jan. 7, 1871.
A DIVIDEND OF FIVE PER CENT. in gold, free of Government tax, has been declared by the Board of Directors of this Company, payable on the 20th day of January inst., to the holders of full paid shares registered at the close of the 14th day of January inst., after which date, and until the 6th day of February next, the transfer books will be closed.
THOMAS E. WALKER, Treasurer.

OFFICE OF THE LAKE SHORE AND MICHIGAN SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 4, 1871.
A DIVIDEND OF FOUR PER CENT. OUT of the net earnings of the Company, prior to Feb. 1, 1871, has been declared payable to the stockholders, free of Government tax, on the last day of February, 1871, at the office of the Union Trust Company of New-York.
The transfer-books will be closed on the 16th day of January inst., and reopened on the 6th day of February next.
JAMES H. RANKEN, Treasurer.

NEW-JERSEY RAILROAD AND TRANSPORTATION COMPANY,
TREASURER'S OFFICE, NO. 111 LIBERTY-ST.,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 19, 1871.
DIVIDEND.—THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS have this day declared a Semi-annual Dividend of Five (5) per Cent., free of Government tax, payable on and after MONDAY, Feb. 6, 1871.
The transfer-books will remain closed until Feb. 7, 1871.
H. J. SOUTHMAYD, Treasurer.

OFFICE OF THE HOWARD INSURANCE COMPANY,
NO. 98 WALL-ST.,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 12, 1871.
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE This day declared a Semi-annual Dividend of Six per Cent. on the capital stock, free from all taxes, payable on demand.
THEODORE KEELER, Secretary.

PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY, (OF MISSOURI,)
ST. LOUIS, January, 1871.
NOTICE.—THE COUPONS DUE 1ST OF February, from bonds of this Company, will be paid upon presentation on and after that date, at the National Bank of Commerce in New-York.
HUDSON E. BRIDGE, President.

OFFICE OF THE BUILDING MATERIAL CO.,
NO. 104 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Jan. 12, 1871.
THE TRUSTEES OF THIS COMPANY have this day declared a semi-annual div. dend of five (5) per cent., payable at their office on and after Feb. 3.
CORNELIUS DOYLE, Secretary.

ASTOR FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
NO. 104 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Jan. 11, 1871.
A SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND OF FIVE (5) per Cent., free of All taxes, is this day declared, payable 1st of February next.
JAMES BERRANGE, Secretary.

OFFICE OF TH

A GLORIOUS ANNIVERSARY.

Eighteenth Birthday of the Young Men's Christian Association.

Meeting at Association Hall—The Progress of the Good Work—Addresses by Bishop Simpson, Dr. Anderson, Dr. Tyng, Mr. Baxter and Others.

The Young Men's Christian Association celebrated its eighteenth anniversary with appropriate exercises last evening in Association Hall, corner Twenty-third-street and Fourth-avenue. The audience was reasonably large considering the storm. The President of the Association, Mr. WILLIAM E. DODGE, Jr., occupied the chair. The exercises were opened with a hymn sung by the audience, after which Dr. DARLING read the Forty-second Psalm, and then the venerable Rev. ISAAC FERRIS, D. D., LL.D., the Chancellor of the University, led in prayer. There were present on the platform Ex-Chancellor Ferris, Bishop Simpson, Cyrus Field, William E. Dodge, Morris K. Jesup, Daniel James, of Liverpool, J. V. Farwell, of Chicago, Sidney E. Morse, W. W. Wakeman, James A. Fairbairn, R. R. McBirney, James S. Brooks, and others.

The President of the Association then made a few introductory remarks. A year ago, he said, they had met in the same place to celebrate the opening of their present building, and on reviewing its facilities, they found them none too abundant for the great work which lay before them. On this, their first anniversary since the opening, gain the eighteenth of the Association, they could look back with satisfaction, and entertain large hopes of the future. Their income had been sufficient to pay the current expenses and the cost of the furniture. The debt of thirty thousand dollars on the building had been provided for in the form of a sinking fund, and in due time would doubtless be liquidated. He reviewed then the work of the Association, showing that all accommodations, including gymnasium, baths, reading-room, classes of instruction and singing lessons, had been patronized to their utmost. They had organized branch associations at different points throughout the City, which had proved of great and substantial aid. The past year was one to a great extent of experiment, but the experiment had proved a most successful one, and from every point come inquiries as to the workings of the Association, with a view to building up similar institutions of religious, moral and manly culture in other places throughout the land. God helps those who help themselves; man should develope his body as well as his mind, and the great aim of the Association was to assist in this development, so that the young men of the land might become more sincere, higher-toned, more moral, useful, reliable, good members of society and citizens, and above all, earnest and practical Christians, carrying the love and purity of Christ into their daily lives. The President then introduced Bishop SIMPSON, who said he had observed that the storm had not only changed the atmosphere without, but also the arrangements within, so that the lecture prophecy had been realized, and the last had become first; but whether first, last, or intermediate, he rejoiced in the work. He rejoiced in the presence of those who were there developing their highest attributes. Men, he said, do better by association. An army marches better for the presence of a multitude; reason be. For this reason, he thought, it was that the Savior instituted the Church. Moreover, an association has more influence by having a public abiding place. It attracts attention and impresses the minds of the public. It is well, too, that this work is being done by the community. Religion ought to exist; it is natural to assume that it will grow with their growth, and strengthen with their strength until it becomes interwoven with and a permanent part of their nature. The line between young men and old men is sometimes difficult to be drawn. When he was young, he thought, when he should arrive at thirty he would be an old man, but he has passed thirty and even fifty, and yet feel young. Men are perhaps like trees, some of which are old at twenty, while others are not old at a hundred. The tree, according to his sentiment, was always young while its heart was sound and it could bear fruit; so with men, they are ever young while they are capable of bearing fruit for Christ and his cause. He liked their mode of doing it; it is good to young men; that is, by behaving well in their souls and in their bodies, and in this way they followed in the footsteps of Christ. He thought, however, he saw signs of disputation abroad today. BACON had said that in times of peace disputations would arise. During the war, in the great work of the Christian Commission, all denominations were in accord, but now we are return to the discussion of the five points or of baptism. To avoid this we must get united on some one common, great thought or purpose. Let them enter into works of charity, doing good to the bodies as well as the souls of men, leading them to a higher moral plane, making them humanly, and thus fulfill the aim for which Christ's Church was established. Originally, it is said, there was but one language, but after man became more numerous, tribes increased. As civilization and religion have advanced, tribes have decreased; nations have become fewer; mankind becoming closer together. They bind the world with bands of steel, send out the telegraph wires, laugh at mountain heights and leap over oceans. Thus by the refining influence of civilization and religion man comes closer together. When first made man stood erect, looking, but afterward, as he fell from moral purity he forced the masses of the elements which God had given for good, he feared everything in the sky above him and the earth beneath, and bowed himself down to wood and stone; but as he becomes purified by God's grace, he stands erect again, looks upward and finds lessons of wisdom and beauty in the stones and grass which lie beneath his feet. Then he regains his capacity to resume the elements. He rides upon them and they come at his bidding. "Tis then he lays his hand on steam; 'tis then he seizes that lightning which for six thousand years has been flashing from heaven to earth and back again, saying, "Here, take me and send me on your message." 'Tis then, having laid his hands on these elements and subjugated them to his behests, he finds time again to walk in the Garden of Eden, until he shall be finally translated to Eden above.

M. C. D. BORDEN, the retiring President of the Mercantile Library, was the next speaker. Some one, he said, had written that no marble was white enough to record the name of him who devotes himself to one great idea, so no words of praise can be too earnest and warm in behalf of an institution devoted exclusively to the public good. He congratulated the President on his new ship, on his race and numerous list of passengers; and as his log book indicated on the successful voyage made hitherto. He only repeated the sentiment of the community and of the world when he said that making young men what they ought to be was taking a great stride toward that high point to which the moral world aspires. The highest ambition of an American should be to become a good citizen, but young men too frequently try to travel thitherward by a labyrinth of paths, seeking to travel them all at the same time, and too often wasting ambition in disappointment. No young man has a right to study for universal excellence; let him keep on in the one defined path, and he will find others keeping pace with him in a different sphere. Genius will frequently find itself outstripped by the faithful plodding worker. As New-Yorkers they gloried in this great institution, the Christian Association, and he wished it perpetual prosperity.

Rev. THOMAS B. ANDERSON, D. D., pastor of the First Baptist Church, was the next to address the audience. In the cause of young men, he said, he felt he was not more than twenty-five. He was ever, and ever would be ready to aid young men in any way he could, and rejoiced with them in this anniversary service. Everything was in working order, and this laid upon the young men a great responsibility. They occupy a position in this country which none others can occupy. By and by a responsibility will be laid upon them which will, to some extent, embarrass them. In the political world the young men of the day are in a position to impress integrity on the management of its affairs. Formed into such an organization as this they can sustain each other and inoculate that courage which will incite the young man to suffer death but not to do wrong. It will then be enough for a young man to know that a thing is wrong to avoid it. The judiciary of a community will only rise as high as public sentiment. Here is the field for young men to form public sentiment, and let them resolve that everything which forms sterling honesty shall be cherished by them. He would warn young men against an idle indulgence in their leisure moments in criticisms and remarks which they would blush to utter in a mother's or sister's hearing. They should cultivate sympathy between each other. In his own pulpit, as he arose and looked over his congregation, he thought of the young man fresh from the country, who, unless the word was pressed into his heart by the kindness of sympathy, he would go astray. The most desolate of all beings on earth was the poor strange young man who, while he spoke, was pressing his face to the cold window of his dreary lodging, yearning for sympathy. Every young man who comes here a stranger should be addressed by some member of the Society, and if they are without the five dollars, as they too frequently are, there are many men in this City who have the money in their pocket, and will be glad to give it. Search out these, and the members of the Association will be accomplishing their great work. Above all they should not forget that they were a Christian Association, and that their chief duty was the salvation of their own souls and those of their fellows.

Rev. Mr. TYNG said he had just been to hear Dr. McCOSH, and there learned that men were not derived from apes, which fact might make themselves easy. He saw among the young men of the audience many who could ape everything except some Continental good sense and English robustness. He hoped the young men would receive innocent amusements from the pollutions which might surround them. The body and soul of man had the same consecration of destiny, and one should be developed as well as the other. But, as they looked out over the field of the future, they must remember that they must be rooted and grounded in Christ. This could not be done by listening, it must come as a conviction. Like the ship Captain, they must be up and doing, and pump, and bail, and struggle, and work, and the Lord bless Bishop Simpson.

LECTURES.

EVIDENCES OF CHRISTIANITY.

Natural Theology and Apologetics—The Origin of Man and Animals Secured in the Series of Lectures by Rev. Dr. James McCosh.

Rev. JAMES MCCOSH, D. D., LL.D., President of Princeton College, delivered the second of a series of lectures on Natural Theology and Apologetics on the Ely Foundation of the Union Theological Seminary, last evening, at the Presbyterian Church, corner of Madison-avenue and Twenty-fourth-street. The audience was very large, and the remarks of the reverend gentleman were listened to with profound attention. He commenced by observing that he was considering the argument from design in its application to the subjects discussed in modern science. In his last lecture he had shown that there were numerous evidences of adaptation and purpose in the production of plants and animals; that no natural power could produce organized out of unorganized matter, protoplasm out of profine, or could generate a plant or animal without the germ. The question had often occurred to him was religion bound up one way or the other in the settlement of these scientific questions? Suppose it was proved that there was such a thing as spontaneous generation would religion thereby be overthrown in its evidences, doctrines or precepts? He had great doubts about it. The great body of thinkers in ancient times, even those inclined to atheism, seemed to believe that the lower creatures sprung out of the bosom of the earth, and a power was not necessary to their existence. Many of the ablest defenders of the Church in early times were believers in the doctrine of spontaneous generation, and it might be held by believers in revealed religion. The establishment of the creed of a germ in order to the production of life did not carry us further back than three centuries, and there was no fear that the apprehensions of the timid or the arrogance of the atheist would be able to drive God from His works. Spontaneous generation was not to be understood as generation out of nothing. An event without a cause, an affair of caprice or chance, but it was a production out of pre-existing materials by means within themselves, working only in certain circumstances and requiring to their operation favorable conditions, as religious men say, arranged by Divine wisdom. Spontaneous generation cannot be a simple, but must be a very complex process, involving properties of matter and a course of circumstances working to the production of an unintended end. He would then suppose that plants and animals were now formed out of germs—out of wisely endowed and careful matter; if they wished. But how do they propagate—by special acts of creation or by development? He did not believe religion had any interest in holding to any particular view on this subject, any more than it had in maintaining any special theory as to the formation of the strata by stone under the surface of the earth. It was admitted that Christians may hold in perfect consistency with religion and the Book of Genesis, that certain layers of rocks were formed in generations by the fiat of God by water and fire, as his agents; and also that higher plants have been developed from lower, according to certain laws of design, known or unknown, working on favorable circumstances. He showed that the development of an individual plant or animal from its parentage was very complex, employing an immense number of agencies, mechanical, chemical, probably electrical and magnetic, and asserted that what was true of the development of individuals would also hold true in regard to species, if there be such a thing in nature. The question whether there was not a separate vital principle, and a new species developed out of an old, he would leave to science to determine, but whatever the decision he was sorry to say there was room for irrelation as well as religion. He quoted the authority of Prof. HUXLEY to prove that vital power was as different from chemical as chemical was from mechanical, and said that science had not shown as positive fact that there was a production of any species except from the seed of the species. In this connection he referred to the religious bearings of the question, arguing that until science had settled the matter theologians should not endeavor to solve it. He referred to the Darwinian theory of natural selection which at first sight appeared to indicate that the plantor animal had some choice in the matter or at least some power to improve its position. He believed this theory contained a great body of important truths but did not contain the whole, and vastly overlooked more than it perceived. There was a general correspondence in relation to the origin of man between the records of the Bible and geology. There was visible both accounts of light, animation, the growth of grass before animals, and in the appearance of man made out of the dust and filled with the inspiration of God. It was carried further in respect to the future of the earth, for science declared that according to laws now in operation, there was in our system a wanting of energy in the shape of heat which must, in an indefinite time, bring our cosmos to a state of chilliness and death to be followed by a conglomeration of heat which will reduce all things to star-dust. DARWIN did not give his views as to the origin of man, but Mr. WALLACE, who discovered natural selection contemporaneously with him, declared there were insuperable difficulties in applying that law to the derivation of the human race, showing that the use of brain of the savage or the earliest time was nearly as large as that of civilized men of the present day. Science could produce no direct evidence, that man was produced from the brute, but everything—his intellect, his intelligence, his discrimination between right and wrong, his possession of divine attributes opposed it and pointed to the theory that he was created by a Superior Being for a great end. Dr. McCOSH concluded his second division of his series of lectures by repudiating the principles advanced in BUTLER'S *Analogy* that intellect ought to be the grand moving power in the world, and asserted that as brute strength gave way before the power of the mind, intellect also would give precedence to Christian morality.

FROM OCEAN TO OCEAN.

Lecture by Rev. Dr. J. P. Newman—Scenes on the Overland Route to the Pacific—How to Deal with Mormonism.

For a night such as last night was, the audience that gathered in Steinway Hall to hear Rev. Dr. J. P. NEWMAN, Chaplain to Congress, lecture on his trip across the continent, last Summer, was remarkably large. Bishop JANES, in introducing Dr. NEWMAN, remarked that to see such an audience out on such a night to listen to a discourse on such a topic manifested a growing interest in the geography of our own beautiful country, and was a fitting rebuke to that fashionable folly which seeks recreation only in foreign lands. This continent is so vast, and its scenery so varied, that there is nothing on earth to compare with it. It is independent of everything save of the one God. To increase the interest of the people in the geography and topography of the country is to increase their patriotism, for the more we know of it the more we become attached to it. He had great pleasure in introducing Dr. NEWMAN, who would describe what he saw in a journey across the Continent.

Dr. NEWMAN was received with applause. He remarked that there were two classes of travelers—those who travel abroad and those who travel at home. And to show the contrast he then described or summarized all that a tourist in the old world can see, including the pyramids, the Alps, the lakes, rivers, scenery, &c.; but the tourist at home enjoys scenes new and peculiar. We are too young to boast of pyramids, but we can boast of having the vastest domain, the highest mountains, the largest rivers, the most expansive lakes and magnificent water-falls, unequaled battle fields, and in great men we are unsurpassed by any people on the globe. Our pasture fields are larger than those of England, Ireland, France, Germany and Italy combined, and buffaloes in herds of 10,000 roam over them at will. Our mining regions are twenty times more extensive than Belgium, and we have falls ten times higher than Niagara. Our country is large enough to give every human being a farm, and to give them also a fair share of gold, silver and iron. We leave New-York on Monday morning, and we can sup in San Francisco on Saturday. Twenty years ago a casual traveler slept on the banks of the Mississippi River, and erected a sign-board, on which were two index fingers pointing—one to the Atlantic and one to the Pacific. Where that sign-board stood then now stands the City of Omaha, and on the opposite side of the river is Council Bluffs, and between the two cities a bitter feud exists, and all about a bridge. The doctor then described the railroad from Omaha to Sherman, 550 miles, through the Great Platte Valley, which is 600 miles long and forty miles wide. At Cheyenne the road crosses the stream on which flows the stream on through the valley until it unites with the Missouri, and as the eye follows it the way is lost in the seeming blending of earth and sky in this vast plain. The Doctor's description of the flora of the Great West, of its fruits and of its big trees, was most eloquent and amusing. But travelers, there is very little news that can be put on paper about them. The groves of California, the Yosemite and its bald rocks rising perpendicularly thousands of feet high, the geysers of Sonoma, where the vermeil produce of one spring mixed with stone makes an excellent lemonade, and is served on each of the tables, and the product of another makes a red vegetable ink, were also described. Passing by all these, the Doctor stopped at Salt Lake, the Dead Sea of America, 4,000 feet above the sea, four quarts of whose waters yield one quart of salt. Although two streams and a river flow into it, it has no visible outlet, and since the Mormons have been cultivated its line has usually risen until it is now twelve feet higher than it was twenty years ago. And the Mormons will one day (walking and bright beauty) valley the bed of a salt lake, which would be far better use than is now made of it. Salt Lake City is laid out in blocks of ten acres each. The buildings are of brick; few of them handsome. Two objects in the city attract attention, the Tabernacle and Brigham Young's residence. The former cost $100,000 and has the largest single roof and unbroken arch in America. It has a ceiling sixty-five feet high and accommodates 10,000 people. There are three forms of marriage practiced and acknowledged in Utah—naming the actual, the spiritual and the substitutional. The first is for this life merely; the second is supposed to be carried into the future world, and the third is a curious mockery by which a woman is sealed to Abraham, Isaac or Jacob or some old patriarch or prophet, or first-her offspring may be saved by their influence, while she herself becomes the actual or spiritual wife of one man or more, here. Every candid mind must see that such a system tends to suspicion. According to Mormon theology, the highest place in heaven will be given to those who can show the largest families, and old bachelors and maids will have no chance at all. There will be many surprises in heaven, but he doubted whether such surprises will be delightful. The polygamist has no home, and at the close of the day he does not know to what family to turn his steps. Some men keep their wives altogether in one house; others give them separate houses, and some again separate rooms in houses. BRIGHAM YOUNG has twenty-three wives, the most amusing description of whose mental, social and physical qualities the doctor gave the audience. Any one, said he, can see the brutalizing of such a system of marriage too long permitted to exist in this country. In 1856 the women rebelled, but BRIGHAM crushed the rebellion by threatening thirty wives, the mission of whom was to bear men's work and share the glory of his achievements. Woman was the type of nature and science; man, of science alone. The terms male and female in the imperfect English language, conveyed a meaning too narrow and imperfect, and carried with them associations requiring change. Women had always been truer to the higher instincts of humanity than men. Whatever of truth there was found in the world was due to women and not to theologians. The opponents of female enfranchisement talked vaguely of their inability to perform military duties. She would ask had not VIRGIL, by his muse, hallowed the name of CAMILLA? CLEOPATRA, DEBORAH, brave as wise, BOADICEA, ready to give her life for her subjects, and a host of others, whose fame was preserved rather in tradition than history, but satisfactorily refuted the argument. BYRON paid the homage of his to AGOSTIN, of Saragossa. For the edification of her tyrannical brothers, the lecturer drew a sketch of CATALINA DE ROUSSEAU, briefly summing up her many virtues. On woman's brow equally with man's had been placed the wreath of the conqueror. The but woman instilled into the soul of man love of country! And would man now disregard their counsel for their rights? The destiny of woman was rapidly completing their mission, although the cold, hard world, with its selfishness, would have women descend coolly into political equality! Man wielded his warrior powers, the world admired, the condition of woman, who awakens all goodness, love and truth, the result of this world's full unsoundness! Man had always aspired to woman as a model. Deprived of freedom and crushed by circumstances, woman had not been able to develop her individuality. Between man only could true love exist. The greatest woman that ever lived was a woman, LAURA BRIDGMAN BAGBI, and yet she was a model wife and the mother of a large family, to the duties of which she scrupulously attended. The present degraded condition of woman was in itself sufficient to appeal to man's head for reasoning, and to his heart for sympathy. The mark of the Cain on the negro's back was alone sufficient to protest against prodigious evil was for his freedom.

The New Charter for Consolidated Jersey City—A Complete Change in the Organization of the City.

The new charter which has been drawn up for Jersey City, and which will be presented to the Legislature this week, embodies a number of changes amounting to an almost entire reconstruction of the City Government. According to this charter, the Board of Aldermen, which heretofore has had almost complete control of the affairs of the city, is reduced to a comparatively unimportant position and its powers have been delegated to a number of Boards, each consisting of a small number of salaried men, who are expected to give a large portion of their time to the interests of the city.

The city has been divided into six Aldermanic districts, each of which will be entitled to two members. The Board of Aldermen will thus be composed of twelve members, instead of thirty-two, as heretofore. Its powers have been decreased almost as much as the number of its members and will be almost entirely limited to the passing of ordinances and the granting of licenses. All street improvements and all business concerning piers, sewers, public buildings and streets is given into the hands of a Board of Public Works to be composed of five members. The President of this Board receives a salary of $2,500, and the other members of $1,500 each. The Board has the power to employ all necessary clerks, to appoint surveyors, &c. The Board of Water Commissioners consists of the same number of members, having the same duties as the existing Board, each member receiving a salary of $500. The finances of the city are given into the hands of a Board of Finance, which is composed of the Presidents of the preceding Boards, together with the Mayor, in all five members. The bank difficulty is obviated by authorizing the division of the city account among the different banks, each of which is to lend the city necessary moneys in advance of the collection of taxes and assessments, or forfeit its right to receive any portion of the deposits of the city.

The Board of Education is to be an entirely independent organization, unlike the present one, which has been dependent upon the Board of Aldermen, who have seen fit to cut down its appropriation to such an extent as to greatly interfere with its successful working, and to lessen the efficiency of the schools; the night schools having already been closed for want of fund with which to carry them on. The only other important change introduced is that provided for a new Fire Department. Fifteen new carts are to be received with each apparatus in the city. A large number of the engines are already owned by the city. A committee has been appointed to secure the passage of the bill by the Legislature.

A DREADFUL WARNING.

Probably Fatal Result of Running Street Cars Down Hill With the Horses Blindfolded—A Practice That Should Not be Permitted.

On the Long Dock and West End Horse-Railroad there is a very steep and difficult hill at the place at which the road runs over Bergen Tunnel. The road at this place, for several hundred feet, is a curve, and the horses are frequently detached from the cars, which are allowed to run down by their selves, the conductors attending to the brake. About 1½ o'clock yesterday a car was thus run down, and after starting the conductor soon found that on account of the snow upon the track and upon the brakes, he should be unable to control the car, and it soon gained a fearful velocity. The conductor, however, retained his position, and exerted himself to stop the car, while all except two of the passengers succeeded in jumping from the car. After having come about 300 yards along the curve, it jumped the track upon the bridge over the gully, about fifty feet west of the tunnel, and, dashing through the railing, went down with a fearful crash. The car fell a perpendicular distance of about twenty feet. Within this gully two passengers were found, one with his leg broken and the other, Mr. E. T. SUMNWOOD, of Hudson City, was completely buried in the wreck and badly injured. The conductor, THOMAS KELLEY, was taken out in an insensible condition, though alive. His injuries are thought fatal.

LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF.

NEW-YORK.

The padlock on the parlor-door of Mrs. MARY BURNS's residence, at No. 89 Park-street, was broken, on Sunday evening, with a false key, and the door forced with a chisel, when $235 worth of wearing apparel was carried off. The Police were notified, and found in the premises JOHN BURNS, JAMES CLARK, THOMAS O. ROBERTS and Mrs. WINIFRED JOHNSON, who were in possession of the stolen property. When arraigned before Justice HOGAN the prisoners were held for trial. CLARK stated that he found Mrs. BURNS's front-door open, and also the property in an adjoining doorway. He notified the children of the fact, and they all went in to see what the matter was.

The Central Park Meteorological report for last week puts forth the following facts and figures: Barometer—Mean, 30.159 inches; maximum at 3 P. M., Jan. 19, 30.610 inches; minimum at 12 P. M., Jan. 21, 29.438 inches; range, 1.182 inches. Thermometer—Mean, 36°; maximum at 4 P. M., Jan. 18, 50.0°; minimum at 6 A. M., Jan. 21, 19.2°; range, 31°. Jan 16, rain from 9½ P. M. to 11 P. M.; amount of water, .09 inch; Jan. 18, rain from 6:30 A. M. to 4 P. M.; amount of water, .39 inch; Jan. 21, snow from 6:30 A. M. to 4 P. M.; amount of water, .04 inch; Jan. 21, snow and rain from 6½ P. M. to 10¼ P. M.; amount of water, .17 inch; total amount of water, .60 inch. Distance traveled by the wind during the week, 1,807 miles.

The French Democratic Central Club of this City has taken action in the case of SILVI MAILLARD, a French resident of Williamsburg, who is now in prison for killing a resident of Greenpoint near the ferry at 3 o'clock in the morning, a few weeks since. A committee appointed for that purpose has investigated the case of MAILLARD, who is represented to be an industrious working man, with the best of references from his employers, and the Committee reports that he shot the man, who was an entire stranger to him, and who had seized him by the throat, in the belief that he was a robber, and that his life was in danger. Preparations are being made for his defense.

The Nineteenth Assembly District Grant Club was organized on Monday evening. The following officers were elected: President, DAVID CLARKE; First Vice-President, Isaac O. Hunter; Second Vice-President, Alexander Martin; Recording Secretary, Charles F. Bruder; Corresponding Secretary, Charles Heitz; Treasurer, Joshua D. Miner; delegates to Central Committee, Thomas Hagan, Lawson N. Fuller, Henry A. Wilson, Alexander N. Lewis, John Higgins, Joseph H. Meredith, William H. Waring, John Clark, Richard H. Greene, Luther Horton. Resolutions were adopted indorsing the Administration of President GRANT.

The Ladies' Committee of the late French Bazaar, of which Mme. VICTOR PLACE, wife of the French Consul-General, is President, has rendered a final account of its affairs, from which it appears that the receipts amounted to $37,000, the expenses were $6,846.25, leaving a surplus of $17,452. Of this amount $17,266 remain in the hands of the Treasurer; $10,000 were transmitted to the Comité de Secours at Strasbourg, $20,000 to the Society of Quakers in London, $1,000 to the Count DE FLAVIGNY for the wounded in France, and $20,000 to a committee of Parisian ladies, instituted to procure bread for the destitute populations of France.

JAMES F. WINTERS was acquitted in the Court of General Sessions, yesterday, of a charge of having made a felonious assault on JAMES GALLAGHER, his testimony showing that the complainant and four companions entered the saloon kept by WINTERS, at the corner of Thirty-fifth-street and Tenth-avenue, in a boisterous manner, and that they compelled him to act in self-defense. Judge BEDFORD said that, while he was always opposed to pistol and knives, he thought that good citizens were justified in defending themselves against the attacks of thieves and ruffians as best they could.

The Central Committee of the Baden Women's Association for the Relief of the Wounded Soldiers in the Baden Hospitals, which is under the protection of the Grand Duchess of Baden, has issued an appeal calling upon the Germans of this City for contributions, which will be received by Mr. LEOPOLD SCHMIDT, the Baden Consul.

The Secretary of the Cooper Institute Peace Meeting, held recently under the auspices of the international sections in this City, has received a communication from the French Ministry of the Interior, in reply to the resolutions communicated to the French Government, giving assurance that France is not despairing of ultimate success.

Burglars effected an entrance at an early hour yesterday morning into the fur establishment of ADOLPH LASSALLE, No. 681 Broadway, and made their escape with goods said to be valued at $600. They dropped one fur cape in front of the New-York Hotel in their flight, but with this exception none of the property has been recovered nor has any clue to the thieves been obtained.

MICHAEL COSTELLO was attacked, last evening, at the corner of West and Day streets, by a number of roughs knocked down, and severely beaten about the head and face. He was taken to the Liberty-street Police Station-house, where his wounds were dressed, after which he was taken home. None of the assailants were arrested.

The New-York Sengerrunde, a vocal organization of about twenty-five years' standing, has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, H. Brennhold; Vice-President, J. F. Gerke and H. Rauch; Secretaries, J. Vollmer and John Spada; Treasurer, Rudolph Sauer; Musical Director, E. Pinkert.

H. B. JAMES, representing the Treasury Department, has been in this City for several days investigating a number of cases in which appeals have been made from the decision of the Customs officers at the port. He left for Washington last night, and several vexed questions, involving the interests of merchants, will probably be soon decided.

LEWIS VAN ETTEN, the forger, whose arrival in this City from New-Orleans, in charge of Detective SAMPSON, was noticed in yesterday's TIMES, was yesterday arraigned before Justice DOWLING, at the Tombs, who remanded him for examination at some future day. The prisoner is now in the Tombs Prison.

A fire occurred last evening, in the basement of No. 54 Howard-street, occupied by BUCK & SCHMOLE, dealers in woolen and worsted goods, causing a loss of $2,000 to stock. The building was damaged to the amount of $600, but the loss, like that upon stock, was covered by insurance.

The annual meeting of the members of the Institution for the Improved Instruction of Deaf Mutes, will be held at the Institution, Nos. 643, 644 and 646 Seventh-avenue, between Forty-fourth and Forty-fifth streets, on Tuesday evening, the 24th inst.

Lawyer JONES will be required to bring forward proofs in the Court of General Sessions, today, if he means to substantiate the charges he has already made against HUGHES, who employed him at his counsel in a larceny case. The trial of HUGHES was adjourned until today.

The Arion Society is negotiating with Dr. L. DAMROSCH, the well-known German violinist and musical director, to come to this country to take the position of musical director of the vocal organization of the Arion Society.

BROOKLYN.

The meetings which have been in progress for several weeks past, under the direction of Rev. E. P. HAMMOND, are increasing in interest. The Middle Reform Church, corner of Harrison and Court streets, have united in their efforts with the Strong-place Church. Meetings are held alternately in the houses of worship of these two Churches. Every morning at 8½ o'clock a prayer-meeting is held at one of these places; and at 7½ P. M. Rev. Mr. HAMMOND preaches, either at the Strong-place Church or in the one on Harrison-avenue. The work is spreading, and its effects will doubtless be far-reaching.

Detectives FOLK and QUINN yesterday arrested WILLIAM E. BRACKETT, JOHN FINNEGAN and ALEXANDER HOSS, in New-York, on complaint of Sheriff WALSH, of Brooklyn, who charges them with conspiring to defraud the City by giving "straw bail" on a Sheriff's bond of indemnity, to the amount of $1,000. The accused were brought before Justice WELSH yesterday afternoon, and, in default of $5,000 bail, were committed to Raymond-street Jail to await examination.

The case of ROBERT D. BOGART, formerly clerk on board the receiving-ship *Vermont*, who is charged with defrauding the Government of money, came up yesterday in the United States Court, but on motion of defendant's counsel, an adjournment was made until Wednesday.

ANDREW WARREN was arraigned before Commissioner WILSON yesterday morning, for uttering counterfeit $10 bill. He admitted the charge of the money, but claimed that he was the victim of a conspiracy. He was held for further examination.

WM. CHAPMAN, formerly an associate of WARD, the notorious counterfeiter, pleaded guilty in the Court of Sessions, yesterday, to the charge of forgery in the third degree, and was sentenced to the Penitentiary for one year.

JOSEPH SHANDLEY, who stabbed JAMES MCGLYNN, in a drunken fight on Christmas Day, was held by Justice WALSH yesterday to await the action of the Grand Jury.

LONG ISLAND.

Ten days ago a German florist of Dutch Kills was arrested and brought before Reporter PACTOLUS, of Long Island City, charged with a most heinous crime. An examination was held one week ago Saturday, and adjourned till last Saturday. The evidence showed that the man was guilty, in fact he admitted it, but pleaded extenuating circumstances. At the first examination bail was refused, and the man placed in the hands of an officer. Last Saturday no one appeared against him, and the case was further adjourned for a week, and HITTAR was allowed to go on his own recognizance. The feeling in the community is that the matter will be hushed up.

Yesterday morning, as the accommodation train on the South-side Railroad was leaving the Bayport Station for New-York, a young man, a resident of Oakdale, who had stepped from the station for a minute, attempted to jump upon the train while it was in motion, and fell beneath the wheels. The wheels of two cars passed over him, killing him almost instantly. His remains were removed to the depot, and his friends notified.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

The January term of the County Court and Court of Sessions for Westchester County was commenced at the Court-house, White Plains, yesterday, before Hon. ROBERT COOMBS, County Judge, and MYRON B. SHERMAN and WM. H. HOWE, Esqs., Justices of Sessions. Judge COOMBS, in delivering his charge to the Grand Jury, expressed his regret that, notwithstanding the brief period which had elapsed since the close of the last term of the Court, there were an unusual number of criminal cases which would require their attention. He also alluded particularly to the violations of the laws relative to the sale of lottery tickets, raffles, &c., which, he said, should receive full consideration, the tained goods, money or property of value at the expense of others.

NEW-JERSEY.

A young lawyer named D. R. SHERRIDAN, who has a large number of friends in Jersey City, and was supposed to have a paying practice, was arrested on Sunday and taken to the Station-house, where it was found that he was insane. He had been acting strangely for some time, and finally went to HEADY's livery-stable and ordered all the horses out that he might show which of them had been brought from Massachusetts. Dr. PRESDERICKMAN was called in and pronounced SHERRIDAN insane and in a starving condition. On partially recovering he stated that he had been without any food whatever for over four days. SHERRIDAN is temperate and is known as a man of considerable ability.

The Coroner's jury in the case of ASA DOWNS, who was at first supposed to have been murdered Saturday night, reported a verdict of accidental death, it appearing from the evidence that he was intoxicated, and in staggering homeward fell over a heap of broken bottles and cut himself so badly that an artery was severed and he bled to death. It also transpired that DOWNS had given his watch and pocket-book into the care of a friend. Pools of blood were found at intervals where it is supposed he had staggered along. The unfortunate man at length found his way to a house where he awoke the inmates, who took him to a barn to sleep, and in the morning he was found dead.

A man named GEORGE HEYER last night went to the house of CONRAD EMRICH at Fourth and Willow streets, Hoboken, for the purpose of attending a social meeting. Some difficulty occurred and EMRICH attempted to eject HEYER, when the latter set upon and beat him with a wrench, laying bare his skull, severing an artery, and otherwise injuring him. EMRICH was attended by Dr. CONDON and removed to the Police Station. HEYER was arrested and held to answer.

A convention of the Churches composing the South Dutch Reform is to be held today, in the Wayne-street Reformed Church, Jersey City, for the "promotion of a revival of religion." This is the first of a series of meetings, which will be devotional in their character. There will be discussions upon the "Dependence upon the Holy Spirit," "Growth in Piety," and other topics of religious interest.

Mr. JOHN ENGLEHORN, of Newark, whose name has been brought unpleasantly before the public by certain transaction papers, it being associated by them with the death of the two girls at Kepler's Hotel, some seven years ago, has been entirely acquitted by the Grand Jury. Mr. ENGLEHORN has published a card in which he claims that the unjust imputation has ruined his business and soured his friends against him.

JOHN KAYSER, who was arrested at the Second Jersey City Precinct on Sunday night, for drunkenness, attempted suicide by hanging himself to the upper bar of his cell door. When discovered he was insensible, and life was almost extinct.

At its present rate of increase, Paterson estimates that its population, fifty years hence, will be 658,009. Its growth has been more rapid than that of any other of the large towns in New-Jersey.

The work of laying the track on the Midland Railway between Franklin and Hamburg has commenced, and the road is expected to be completed as far as Deckertown before the 1st of April.

A great revival is in progress in the Methodist and Dutch Reformed Churches of Little Falls. On Sunday evening thirty persons became members of each of the churches.

Gen. MCCLELLAN is erecting a handsome residence at Orange Mountain, in Morris County, N. J.

Camden, within the last six months, has had 471 arrests, and has given lodgings to 1,836 vagrants.

ARMY AND NAVY RECORD.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—The War Department has in preparation a list of the commissioned officers of the several regiments of the army on the 1st of January, as consolidated and reorganized under the acts of Congress approved March 3, 1869, and July 4, 1870, with their respective dates of commission.

FOREIGN MARKETS.

LONDON, Monday, Jan. 23.—The market for American Securities and Stocks opened quiet, and Securities closed firmer. The following table shows the state of the market during the day:

	11½ A. M.	1½ P. M.	4½ P. M.
Consols for money	92¾	92¾	92¾
Consols for account	92¾	92¾	92¾
U. S. 6-20s, 1862	....	....	90¾
U. S. 5-20s, 1865 (old)	89¾	....	89¾
U. S. 5-20s, 1867	88¾	....	88¾
U. S. 10-40s	....	....	88¾
Erie Railroad shares	....	....	18¾ easier.
Illinois Central	....	....	110¼ firmer.
Atlantic and Gt. Western	....	....	27¾

LIVERPOOL, Jan. 23—4½ P. M.—COTTON opened steady and unchanged and closed firm at Middling Uplands 7¾d., Middling Orleans 8¼d., on spot and afloat. The sales of the day foot up 14,000 bales, of which 2,000 bales were for speculation and export, including 1,700 of Cotton from Bombay afloat. Receipts to the 20th, 12,000 bales. BREADSTUFFS firm. Flour, 2s. an advance of 6d. Wheat, California White, 12s; Red Western, No. 2 to No. 1, firmer at 10s. 6d. @11s. an advance of 1d. Winter, 11s.@11s. Corn—No. 2 Mixed new buoyant at 34s. 6d.

LONDON, Jan. 23—4½ P. M.—TALLOW, 40s. 3d. @40s. 6d. TURPENTINE, quiet at 30s. 6d.

FRANKFORT, Jan. 23.—United States Five-twenty Bonds closed yesterday at 88½.

ANTWERP, Jan. 23.—PETROLEUM closed yesterday at 50f. for Standard White.

DOMESTIC MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Jan. 23.—FLOUR firm and demand light; Winter extras, $4@$4.25. WHEAT firm; sales at 84¼ for No. 2, seller February; $1 21¼, cash. CORN buoyant at 50c.@50¼c. for No. 2 cash; 49¾c.@50¼c. seller February; 49c. bid, seller May. OATS firm and fairly active; 44c. for No. 2. RYE firm; sales at 85c. BARLEY quiet and firm; No. 2 at 93¼c. PROVISIONS firm. Mess PORK active and excited; sales, 15,000 bbls., chiefly seller March, at $19@$19 62½; bulk of sales at $19 50; closing $19 60 bid, $19 cash. LARD—12½c. cash; 12¾c.@12¾c. seller March. Green SHOULDERS, 7c.@7¼c.; Rough Sides, 8¼c.; Short Ribs, 9½c. WHISKY firm; offering light; sales, 88c. bid, 90½c. asked. RECEIPTS—4,000 bbls. Flour, 42,000 bushels Wheat, 32,000 bushels Corn, 10,000 bushels Oats, 2,800 bushels Rye, 4,000 bushels Barley, 21,000 Hogs. SHIPMENTS—3,800 bbls. Flour, 5,000 bushels Corn, 1,000 bushels Oats, 7,000 Hogs.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 23.—COTTON active and in fair demand; Middling, 14½c. FLOUR firm and in fair demand; Family $6@$6 25. WHEAT advancing and in [illegible] Red, $1 [illegible]@$1 [illegible]; Amber, $1 [illegible]@$1 [illegible]. CORN steady and in moderate demand at 50c. RYE firm; Western and State, $1 [illegible]